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Where a good part of the strength of this Realme consisteth in the number of good and able Subiects: And whereas the decayes of Townes and habitations haue bene by the ancient Lawes of this Realme esteemed an high offence: And where of late yeres more then in times past, there haue sundry Townes, Parishes, and houses of Husbandry bene destroyed and become desolate, by meanes whereof a great number of poore people are become wanderers, idle and loole, which is the cause of infinite inconueniences, Be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that an Act made in the fourth yere of King Henry the seventh, Intituled, An Acte against pulling downe and destruction of Houses and Townes, and all other Acts heretofore made touching the decayes of houses of Husbandry, so much of euery of them, as do concerne the decaye or reedifying of any Townes, Villages or houses of Husbandry, or laying or continuing, any quantitie of land to the same, shall be from henceforth

betterly repealed, sauing onely for all such offences, whereof and for the which there was at the first day of this present Parliament, any Action, Bill, suite, plaint, or information commented or depending in her Maiesties Court of Star-chamber, or any other her Maiesties Courts at Westminster.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery house that now hath or heretofore had twentie Acres of arable land, meadow, and pasture, or more thereunto belonging, and so occupied or letten to Farme, by the space of thre yeres together, at any time since the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, and which is not or hath not bene the castle or dwelling house of any Noble man or Gentleman, nor the chiefe mansion house of any manour, is, and shalbe adiudged a house of Husbandry for ever, And that all Acres spoken of in this statute, shalbe adiudged Acres according to the statute or ordinance de terris mensurandis.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, if any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, at any time since the beginning of her said Maiesties reigne, and before seven yeres now last past, haue decayed or wasted, or willingly suffered to be decayed or wasted any such houses of Husbandry, That in euery such case the offendour in that behalfe shall erect, builde, or repaire, vpon some conuenient part of the Scites where the decayes were or bene, or of the lands to any such houses heretofore belonging, the one halfe in number of such houses so decayed or wasted, if the offendour now hath or hereafter by the expiration, surrender, forfeiture, or other determination of such Leases, or estates as are now in Esse, shal or may haue in his or their owne vse or occupation, so much of the lands, which belonged to the same Houses or any of them, as will suffice to lay thereof fourtie acres of arable land, meadowe, and pasture to euery of the same houses so to be erected, builded or repaired: And shall then also put to euery of the same houses, fourtie acres of the same Lands at the least, being arable land, meadow and pasture, conuenient and fit to be vsed and occupied with the same houses: And if the offendour now hath not, nor hereafter by the expiration, surrender, forfeiture or determination of any such Leases or estates, as are now in Esse, shal not or may not haue so much of the said Lands, then the offendour to erect, build, or repaire so many of the same houses before by this Acte intended to be erected, builded, or repaired, as the same offender can of the same Lands then in his or their owne vse and occupation, put thereunto fourtie acres of arable Land, meadow, & pasture: and in such case also the same offendour shal put to euery such House so erected, builded, or repaired, fourtie acres of the same Land at the least, being arable Land, meadow, and pasture, which shalbe fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied with the same: And if any the same decayed houses and Scites, and the lands thereunto heretofore belonging, or any part thereof, be in or do come to the possession or hands as aforesaid of any as heire, executour, administratour, or successour to the offendour, or otherwise as assignee, by the immediate and free gift of the offendour as aforesaid, That in euery such case, such heire, executour, administratour, successour or assignee, vpon the Scites or some other conuenient part of the same Lands so growen or come vnto him or them, And for and in respect of so much of the same Landes as is not before satisfied, by erecting, building, or repairing of houses of Husbandry, and supplying the same with Lands according to the true intent of this Acte in that behalfe, shall erect, builde, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandry in such maner and with like additions of Landes thereunto, as the offendour proportionably should haue done in the like case by the true meaning of this Acte. And if any of the same wastings or decayings haue happened within seven yeres now last past, the offendours in that behalfe hauing now, or which hereafter by the expiration, surrender, forfeiture, or other determination of such Leases or estates as are now in Esse, shal or may haue in his or their owne vse or occupation, so much of y same Scite or lands, which belonged to the same house so decayed or wasted, or any of them as can supply euery of the same houses, which had before belonging vnto it vnder fourtie acres, with twentie acres of arable land, meadowe, and pasture: and euery such of the same houses which before had fourtie acres or above belonging to it, with fourtie acres of arable land, meadowe and pasture, shall erect, build, or repaire vpon some conuenient part of the Scites or lands that belonged to the same houses or any of them, the whole number of the houses so decayed or wasted: And for euery such of the same houses of husbandry as heretofore had vnder fourtie acres of

arable land, meadowe and pasture belonging to it, shall put to the houses of Husbandry so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the landes, which such offendour hath or shall haue as aforesaid, twentie acres at the least of arable land, meadowe, and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith: And for euery such of the same houses of Husbandry so wasted or decayed as aforesaid, as had belonging to it fourtie acres of arable land, meadow and pasture or more, shall put to euery of the same houses so to be erected, builded, or repaired of the same landes which such Offendour hath, or shall haue as aforesaid, fourtie acres at the least of arable land, meadowe and pasture, fit and conuenient to be vsed and occupied therewith. And if the same Offendour haue not, or shall not haue as aforesaid, so much of the landes belonging to any of the same houses as may therewith performe that which is aforesaid, then the same Offendour shall erect, builde, or repaire so many onely of the same houses of Husbandry as he can, with the same landes in the vse and occupation as aforesaid of such Offendour, supply the same houses with such quantitie of arable land, meadow, and pasture, as befoze in this Article is mentioned to be put to the same, and shall put to euery of the same houses of the same arable land, meadowe, and pasture accordingly. And if the same decayed or wasted Scites, or houses and landes thereunto heretofore belonging, or any part thereof bee in or doe come to the possession or occupation as aforesaid, of any as heire, executour, administratour or succellour to the said Offendour last befoze mentioned, or otherwise as Assignee, by the immediate and free gift of the same Offendour, That in euery such case, such heire, executor, administratour, succellour, or Assignee, vpon some conuenient part of the same Scite, or landes, so growen or come to him or them: And for and in respect of so much of the same Scite and landes as is not befoze satisfied by erecting, building or repairing of houses of Husbandry, and supplying the same with landes according to the true intent of this Acte in that behalfe, shall erect, builde, or repaire such and so many houses of Husbandry, and with like addition of landes thereunto, as the Offendour proportionably should haue done in like case by the true meaning of this Acte. And that all such as haue or shall haue any the houses of Husbandry decayed or wasted as is aforesaid, at any time since the beginning of her laide Maesties reigne, or the landes thereunto belonging, or any part thereof, by, from, or vnder the Offendour, for money or other consideration, or otherwise by any other title then vnder the Offendour: That in euery such case, such so hauing such Scites, or houses so decayed or wasted as aforesaid, and the landes which did thereunto belong, or any part thereof, and not befoze that erected, builded, or repaired with houses of Husbandry, and supplied with landes according to the true meaning of this Act, shall for and in respect of the same landes, which he or they so haue, proportionably erect, reedifie, and repaire onely the fourth part in number of the like houses of Husbandry, and with such and the like quantitie of the same landes to be added in euery of the same houses of Husbandry as is befoze mentioned for the Offendour, to do and performe in like cases of decayes made within seven yeeres now last past.

And be it also enacted, that euery person, body politique and corporate that is to make any erection, building, or repairing of houses, as is aforesaid, shall performe two of the same erections, buildings, or reparings, befoze the feast of Pentecost in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand five hundred ninetie nine, if so many be to bee done by such partie, if not, then one where but one is to be done: And who is to performe more then two, shall thencefoorth yeerely performe two other of the same, untill all such erections, reedifyings and reparings be fully perfourmed, which that partie is to doe and perfourme by the true intent of this Acte. And as the same houses shall from time to time be erected, builded, or repaired, the landes as is aforesaid, shall be put thereunto, and for such houses as are now standing, the landes in maner as is aforesaid shall bee put thereunto befoze the laide feast of Pentecost in the yeere aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, that all houses of Husbandry which are to be erected, builded, or repaired, by the true intent of this Act, And all other houses of Husbandry now standing, shall from time to time for euer by the occupiers and possessors thereof be vpholden and mainteined in good and conuenient reparations, inhabitable, and tenantable, and as houses of Husbandry in those parts. And that the landes thereto to be put, or now belonging as aforesaid, or asmuch, in goodnes, quantitie, and qualitie, shalbe demised with the house by the lessoz thereof, Whensoever the same house shalbe demised, without any willing default of the lessoz in that behalfe, And that the same landes shalbe vsed and continued in tillage and Husbandry according to the statute in that behalfe. And where any in reason or good conscience ought to haue contribution from any other towards the charges of any the erections, buildings, or reparings aforesaid, In euery such case vpon a Bill to be exhibited into the high Court of Chancery by such party against any decayer, or other that ought to be contributozie to the same as aforesaid such contribution shall be giuen, and in such sort leuied and payed, as by order of that Court shall in that behalfe be set downe or taken.

Provided alwayes neuerthelesse and be it enacted, if any house of Husbandry now standing hath or shall haue belonging to it, or lettin therewith aboute the number of threescore acres of arable land, meadow or pasture in the whole, the ouerplus thereof may from time to time be added to supply or make up any other house to be a house of Husbandry of or vnder fourtie acres, and that for the more better and commodious occupping or husbandry of any the landes, meadowes, or pastures which shalbe allotted or belonging to any house of Husbandry, as is aforesaid, it shalbe lawfull for any Lord to make exchange with any his tenants, or any tenant or other person with the assent of the Lord to change the one with the other without incurring any the penalties of this statute, any thing in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if any person hath erected, or hereafter shall erect, any new like house of Husbandry where



no house of Husbandry was at any time since the beginning of her Maiesties Reigne, with like landes allotted or to be allotted thereunto as aforesaid and as convenient, in lieu of place of any house of Husbandry heretofore decayed or hereafter to be decayed, and within two miles thereof: That in every such case such house so decayed or to be decayed, is not, nor shall not be repaired, reedified or continued by the true intent of this Acte, so alwayes that the same house newly erected or to be erected, be continued a like house of Husbandry as aforesaid for ever. And if any person or persons which hath built any mansion house fit for the dwelling of a Gentleman or any person of a higher degree, hath taken into his hands any landes not exceeding the quantitie of fiftie acres, or houses not exceeding the number of two houses, convenient and needfull to be employed for maintaining of necessary Hospitallitie and house keeping in that house, such person for such taking into his handes or decaying of such landes or houses shall not be deemed or taken for any offender by this statute.

Provided also that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extende to any Parke, or inclosed ground for Deere, or any landes or houses therein, the same being at this present chiefly stored with, or imployed to Deere.

Provided also that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not bee prejudiciall to any being out of the Realme, or Infant, or of non sane memoria, which be fore by this Act ought to reedifie, erect, or repaire any house, or houses of Husbandry, so that every such person shall yeerely next after his retorne, full of being of sane memoria, performe therein the intent of this Acte.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that every person and persons, bodies politique, and corporate, which shall offend in any the premisses, shall for every house that shall not be erected, builded, repaired, continued, or maintained in necessary reparacion, Tenantable, according to the true meaning of this Acte, by the space of one yeere, forfeit tenne pounds, and so yeerely tenne pounds, untill the same shall be sufficiently erected, builded, continued, or repaired. And for every acre of land, meadowe, or pasture, which shall not be layed unto, or let with such houses of Husbandry, when the same shall be demised as aforesaid, shall forfeit for every yeere he or they shall so offend, the summe of tenne shillings, as long and as often as such Acre shall not in those respects be used, and ordered according to the intent of this Acte: which forfeitures shall be divided into three equall parts, whereof one thirde part to bee to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, one other part to bee to the use of the poore within the Parish where the offence shall bee committed, to bee delivered by the order of the Court, in which the same shall be recovered, to the Churchwardens of the same Parish without any charge or other warrant, and the other thirde part to such as will sue for the same in any Court of Record at Westminster, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, if any such will sue, if not, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, in which sute, no escoigne, protection, or wager of Lawe shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted, &c. that the Iustices of Assises to bee holden within every Countie of this Realme, shall have full power and authoritie to inquire of, heare, and determine, all and every the saide defaults and offences to be committed or done within the Counties where any such Assises shall be kept upon Inquisition, Indictment, Bill, or Information, to be exhibited before them.

Provided also that no Offendour shall be impeached or sued by vertue of this Act, except such suit shall be brought and commenced within two yeeres of the same offence committed or done, being prosecuted by any, for himselfe, and her Maiestie, her heires, or successours, but in case where the said suite shall be brought, or prosecuted for her Maiestie, her heires, or successours onely, then such suite to bee brought and commenced within three yeeres of the same offence done and committed. This Acte to endure but to the ende of the next Session of Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the maintenance of Husbandrie and Tillage. Chap. ij.

**W**hereas the strength and flourishing estate of this kingdome hath bene alwayes and is greatly upheld and advanced by the maintenance of the Plough and Tillage, being the occasion of the increase and multiplying of people, both for service in the warres, and in times of peace, being also a principall meane that people are set on worke, and thereby withdrawen from idlenesse, drunkennesse, unlawfull games, and all other lewde practises, and conditions of life: And whereas by the same meanes of Tillage and Husbandry, the greater parts of the Subjects are preserved from extreme povertie in a competent estate of maintenance, and means to live, and the wealth of this Realme is kept, dispersed, and distributed into many handes, where it is moze ready to answer all necessary charges for the service of the Realme, and whereas also the said Husbandry and Tillage is a cause that the Realme doth moze stand upon it selfe, without depending upon forreine Countreys, either for bringing in of Corne in time of scarcitie, or for vent & utterance of our owne commodities being in ouer great abundance: And whereas from the xvii. yeere of king Henry the eight, of famous memory, until the xxxv. yeere of her Maiesties most happy reigne, there was alwayes in force some Lawe which did ordeine a conversion and continuance of a certaine quantitie and proportion of land in Tillage not to be altered: And that in the last Parliament helde in the saide xxxv. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, partly by reason of the great plentie and cheapenesse of graine at that time within this Realme, and partly by reason of the imperfection and obscuritie of the Lawe, made in that case, the same was discontinued: Since which time there have growen many moze depopulations, by turning Tillage into Pasture, then at any time for the like number of yeres heretofore:

Be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That whereas any landes or grounds at any time, since the seuenteenth of Nouember, in the first yeere of her Maiesties reigne, haue bene conuerted to sheepe pastures, or to the fattening or grasing of cattell, the same landes hauing bene Tillable landes, fieldes or grounds, such as haue bene vled in tillage or for tillage by the space of twelue yeeres together at the least next before such conuer- sion, according to the nature of the soile and course of Husbandry vled in that part of the Countrey; all such landes and grounds, as aforesaid, shall before the first day of May, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God 1599. be re- stored to Tillage, or layed for Tillage in such sort, as the whole ground, according to the nature of that soile, and course of Husbandry vled in that part of the countrey, bee within thre yeeres at the least turned to Tillage by the Occupiers and possessours thereof, and so shall be continued for ever.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that all landes and grounds which now are vled in Til- lage or for Tillage, hauing bene tillable landes, fieldes, or grounds, such as next before the first day of this present Parliament, haue bene by the space of twelue yeeres together at the least vled in tillage or for tillage, according to the nature of the soile and course of Husbandry vled in that part of the Countrey, shal not be conuerted to any sheepe pasture, or to the grasing or fattening of cattell by the occupiers or possessours thereof, but shall, according to the na- ture of that soile, and course of Husbandry vled in that part of the countrey, continue to bee vled in Tillage or for Tillage for coyne or graine, and not for Wood.

Provided neuerthelesse, that if any person or body politique or corporate, hath since the seuenteenth of Nouem- ber aforesaide, layed, or hereafter shall lay any ground to graze, or hath vled or shall vse the same ground with sheepe, or any other cattell, which ground hath bene or shall bee driuen or woyn out with Tillage onely upon good Husbandry, and with intent, bona fide, without fraud or couin, the same ground should recouer heart and strength, and not with intent to continue the same otherwise in sheepe pasture, or for fattening or grasing of cattell, that no such person or body politique or corporate, shall bee intended for that ground a conuerter, within the meaning of this Lawe.

Provided also, that if any such occupier or possessor of ground, as aforesaid, hath broke vp, couerted, or laid forth, or shall breake vp, conuert, or lay forth into Tillage any other ground not liable to this present lawe, as aforesaid, and lying within the same parish, towne, hamlet, or lordship, or within two mile of the same land formerly tilled, that for such quantitie onely, and for so long time as he hath to done or continued, or shall do or continue, he shall not in- curre any penalitie contained in this Act, but that it shall be lawfull for any such Occupier or possessor, at his libertie and pleasure, and according to his best commoditie & Husbandry, to change and alter from time to time such ground put or to be put in Tillage, so that euery such Occupier do keepe the summe or totall of the quantitie or proportion of his grounds lying within the same parish, towne, hamlet, or Lordship, or within two mile of the same land for- merly tilled in Tillage, as aforesaid.

Provided also, that this Act shall not extend to any ground that any person, body politique or corporate, hath tur- ned or shall turne fro Tillage to pasture for the only maintenance or keeping of his or their owne Horses, geldings, mares, or draught Oren, or the horses, geldings, or mares of his or their owne family, or others comming to his or their house, or for the maintenance or keeping of kine, sheepe, or other cattell, for the onely victuals to bee spent in his or their houses, or for the needfull and necessary soiling of his or their tillable lands.

Provided neuerthelesse, that no persons that shall commonly feed, and sel perely Beeres & muttons to a greater number then he or they shall perely spend in victual in his or their mansion house or houses, and moze then shal grow or be needfull to be culled out, or in respect of the necessary stockes for maintenance of house keeping, and soiling the tillable lands as aforesaid, or that shall bee a common fatter of Beeres, or muttons, or any of them as a common Grafter or sheepe master, to be commonly sold in Markets and faires, or to the common Butchers other then in re- spect of the necessary stockes aforesaid, shalbe taken, expounded or vnderstood to bee such person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, as by this Proviso last aboue mentioned, may keepe any ground or pasture whole and not conuerted into tillage for the maintenance and keeping Kine, sheepe, or other cattell for the only victual to bee spent in their owne houses, or for the needfull soiling of their tillable landes, but bene and shalbe excepted out of the same Proviso. Any thing in the same Proviso contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it is mentioned, that this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to be preiudiciall to any person or persons, bodies poli- tique or corporate, for the keeping of any ground in pasture, for the onely maintenance and keeping of his or their Horses, Mares, Geldings, or draught Oren, or for the maintenance, and keeping of Kine, and other Cattell for the onely pprovision and victualling of his or their Mansion or dwelling house or houses, Bee it declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if it shall fortune any such person or persons to bee absent, and not resident at or upon his or their vsuall mansion, or dwelling house or houses, with his family or household, for and by occasion of seruice, or attendance to be done by any such person or persons, by the expresse commandement of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successors, within the Realme, or without, or else hauing two or thre mansion or dwelling houses, shal be resident and dwelling with his family, but at one of them, or shalbe within age, That then during, & for the time of such seruice, attendance, minozitie and absence, and one yeere next after, or during, and for the time that hee or they shalbe resident or dwelling with his family, but at or upon one of his dwelling houses, he or they shal and may keepe



keepe such groundes in pasture, belonging or usually occupied with any of the sayd two or three houses, and with no more, or others in his or their owne hands or occupation, or let it out to any other person or persons, without incurring of any danger or forfeiture by vertue of this Act, so that the same person or persons, shall and do keepe the same mansion and dwelling house or houses vntil then in good sufficient reparations, and meete and convenient for him or them to repaire and resorte vnto at all times, for his and their dwelling and abode, any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if any person, or body politike or corporate, shall offend against the premises, every such person or body politike or corporate so offending, shall lose and forfeit for every acte not resorted or not continued as is aforesayd, the summe of twenty shillings for every yeere that he or they so offend. And that the sayd penalties or forfeitures shalbe diuided in three equal parts, whereof one third part to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, to her and their owne vse, one other third part to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours for reliefe of the poore in the parish where the offence shalbe committed, if any such be, to be bestowed by warrant of the principall officers in the receipt of the Exchequer, without further warrant from her Maiestie, her heires & successours, and the other third part to such person as will sue for the same in any court of Record at Westminster by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information: in which sute no essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of Assise, or Justices of the peace in every County within this Realme at the Assises or quarter or generall Sessions, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, to enquire, heare and determine all and every the defaults and offences committed or done contrary to this Act, within the County where any such Assises or Sessions shalbe kept, by Inquisition, Presentment, Inditement, Bill or Information, or by any of the same wayes or meanes, and vpon the conuiction of the offender by information or sute of any other then her Maiesty, her heires or successours, to make extracts of one third part of the forfeitures to be leuied for the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, as they vse to doe of other Fines, Issues and Amerciaments growen in the Sessions of Peace, and to alward execution of the two other third parts, the one for the complainant or informer, and the other to the poore, by the discretion of the Justices of peace, at the generall Sessions against the offender, by Fieri facias, and Capias, as her Maiesties Justices at Westminster may do and vse to doe: And if any such conuiction shall hereafter happen to be at her Maiesties sute onely, that then then the forfeitures to be extracted and leuied for her Maiesty, her heires and successours to the uses aforesayde. And it is also further enacted, that if any person shall hereafter be punished by vertue of this Act, for any thing mentioned in this Acte, that then the same person shall not otherwise be vexed, troubled, sued or put to any paine or punishment for the thing, wherefore he or they shall haue bene so punished.

Provided also that no offenders shalbe impeached or sued by vertue of this Acte, except such sute shalbe brought and commenced within two yeres of the same offence committed or done, in case where the sayd sute shalbe brought and prosecuted in name of any Informer, And in case the same sute shalbe brought and prosecuted in her Maiesties name, or in the name of her heires or successours, then such sute to be brought and commenced, within three yeres of the offence done and committed.

Provided also, no land compellable to be put in tillage by vertue of this Act, shalbe deemed or adiudged a breach or forfeiture of any couenant, bond, or condition, betweene any persons whatsoever. Neither that any person that shalbe compelled to put and conuert any lands into tillage by vertue of this Act, shall therefore incurre any penalty or preiudice collaterall, or other, whether it be of augmentation of rent, giuing of any recompense or consideration, or the like, but shalbe in law discharged of every such limitation, couenant, condition or agreement.

Provided neuertheless, that this Act shall not extend to any Pasture, Heath, Downes, waste or barren ground, which hath not heretofore bene commonly used to be eared or tilled for corn, and which is not meet & strong enough to be continued still in tillage, according to the nature of the Soile, and custome of the Countrey, nor to any Commissions, Fennes, Poozes, Poles, nor to any Marshes being usually ouerflownen with water, at any time of the yere, nor to any Marshes or grounds recovered and Tined, and which are or shall be so kept and continued by charge of Banks, nor to any Parke, or Parkes, Warren, or Warrens, nor to any inclosed groundes now used with Deere, or Conies, or which hereafter by licence from her Maiesty, her heires or successours, with sufficient clause of dispensation mentioning this Acte, shall be principally bestowed and imployed to the maintenance of Deere and Conies, without fraud or couine, nor to any Hedowes, nor to any Wood groundes, nor to any Orchard, Garden, Poole, or Pondyard, nor to any grounds set or sown with Saffron, Poppes, Garlick, Onions, or other such Garden Rootes meete for victuall, nor to any Plotte, or Soyle, whereupon any house or tenement habitable is erected, and the Curtillages, Pares, and Backelosses thereof, nor to any ground occupied or let with any tenement, being vnder the quantitie of twentie Acres, as long as such tenements shall be continued not decayed, nor to any groundes wherein any Dace, Leade, Cinne, Iron, Coale, commonly called Sea Coale, Stone Coale, or Poore Coale is commonly got, all which to be intended, during such time onely, as all and every the groundes aforesayd, shalbe used and put to the uses and intents aboue specified, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this last proviso shall not giue any benefit, aduantage, or libertie to any person or persons,

sons, which hath converted or imployed, or hereafter shall convert or imploy any more ground to the keeping of cornes, not being lawfull Warren, then ten acres at the most, & the same to be within one mile of his dwelling house.

Provided also, that this Acte shall not extend to any Countie within this Realme of England; but such onely as shalbe hereafter specified, that is to say, the Countie of Northampton, Leicester, Warwicke, Buckingham, Bedford, Oxford, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, Gloucester, Worcester, Nottingham, Hampshire, Wilshire, Somerset, Dorset, Derby, Rutland, Lincoln, Hereford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Dorke, Wembroke in South Wales, and the Bishopricke of Durham, and Northumberland, and the Countie of all Cities and Corporations, lying, situate, and being within the Countie aforesayd, or confining to the same, and the Synne of the Countie of the City of Dorke.

Provided alwayes, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to any ground now converted from Tillage to Pasture, lying within two miles of the great roade way, called Marting street, leading from the Towne of Dunstable in the Countie of Bedford, towards Westchester, so that the same ground be not above five miles from the parish Church of Dunstable, nor within two miles thereof. This Acte to indure to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

¶ An Acte for the reliefe of the Poore. Chap. iij.

**B**E it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Churchwardens of every Parish, and four substantiall householders there being Subsidie men, or for want of Subsidie men, four other substantiall householders of the sayd Parish, who shalbe nominated yerely in Easter weeke, under the hand and seale of two or more Justices of the Peace in the same Countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, dwelling in, or neere the same Parish, shalbe called Overseers of the poore of the same Parish, and they, or the greater part of them shall take order from time to time, by, and with the consent of two or more such Justices of Peace, for setting to worke the children of all such, whose parents shall not by the sayd persons be thought able to keepe and mainteine their children. And also all such persons married or unmarried, as having no meanes to mainteine them, use no ordinarie and dayly trade of life to get their living by, and also to raise weekly or otherwise (by taxation of every inhabitant, and every occupier of lands in the sayd Parish, in such competent summe and summes of money as they shal thinke fit) a convenient stocke of Flaxe, Hempe, Wooll, Threed, Iron, and other necessarie Ware and Stuffe to set the poore on worke, and also competent summes of money, for, and towarde the necessarie reliefe of the lame, impotent, olde, blinde, and such other among them being poore, and not able to worke, and also for the putting out of such children to be apprentices, to be gathered out of the same parish, according to the abilitie of the sayd parish, and to do and execute all other things, as well for the disposing of the sayd stocke, as otherwise concerning the premises, as to them shall seeme convenient: which sayd Churchwardens and Overseers so to be nominated, or such of them as shall not be let by sicknesse or other iust excuse, to be allowed by such two Justices of Peace or more, shall meet together at the least once every moneth in the Church of the sayd parish, upon the Sunday in the afternoone, after divine Service, there to consider of some good course to be taken, and of some meet orders to be set downe in the premises, and shall within foure dayes after the end of their yeere, and after other Overseers nominated as aforesayd, make and peele by to such two Justices of Peace, a true and perfect account of all summes of money by them received, or rated and sessed, and not received: and also of such stocke as shalbe in their hands, or in the hands of any of the poore to worke, and of all other things concerning their sayd office, and such summe or summes of money as shalbe in their hands, shall pay and deliver over to the sayd Churchwardens and Overseers, newly nominated and appointed as aforesayd, upon paine that every one of them absenting themselves without lawfull cause as aforesayd, from such monethly meeting for the purpose aforesayd, or being negligent in their office, or in the execution of the orders aforesayd, being made by, and with the assent of the sayd Justices of Peace, to forfeit for every such default xx. shillings. And he it also enacted, that if the sayd Justices of peace do perceiue that the inhabitants of any parish are not able to leuie among themselves sufficient summes of money for the purposes aforesayd, that then the sayd Justices shall and may rate, rate, and assesse, as aforesayd, any other of other parishes, or out of any parish within the Hundred where the sayd parish is, to pay such summe and summes of money to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the sayd poore parish, for the sayd purposes, as the sayd Justices shall thinke fit, according to the intent of this law. And if the sayd Hundred shall not be thought to the sayd Justices, able, and fit to relieue the sayd severall parishes not able to provide for themselves as aforesayd, then the Justices of peace, at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater number of them, shall rate, and assesse, as aforesayd, any other of other parishes, or out of any parish within the sayd Countie, for the purposes aforesayd, as in their discretion shall seeme fit.

And that it shall be lawfull for the sayd Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them, by warrant from any two such Justices of peace, to leuie aswell the sayde summes of money of every one that shall refuse to contribute according as they shalbe assessed, by distresse & sale of the offenders goods, as the summes of money, or stocke which shalbe behind upon any account to be made as aforesayd, rendering to the partie the overplus, and in defect of such distresse, it shalbe lawfull for any such two Justices of the peace, to commit him to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, till payment of the sayde summe or stocke, and the sayd Justices of peace or any one of them, to send



send to the house of correction such, as shall not imploy themselves to worke, being appointed thereunto as aforesayd, and also any two such Justices of peace, to commit to prison every one of the sayd Churchwardens and Duerseers, which shall refuse to account, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, till he haue made a true account, and satisfied and payd so much as vpon the sayd account shalbe remaining in his hands.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lawfull for the sayd Churchwardens and Duerseers, or the greater part of them, by the assent of any two Justices of the peace, to binde any such chylde as aforesayd to be Apprentices, where they shall see convenient, till such manchild shall come to the age of xxiij. yeeres, and such womanchild to the age of xxi. yeeres, the same to be as effectuell to all purposes, as if such childe were of full age, and by Indenture of couenant bound him or herselfe. And to the intent that necessarie places of habitation may more conveniently be provided for such poore impotent people, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull for the sayd Churchwardens and Duerseers, or the greater part of them, by the leaue of the lord or lords of the manour, whereof any waste or Common within their parish is or shalbe parcell, and vpon agreement before with him or them made in writing, vnder the hands and seales of the sayd lord or lords, or otherwise, according to any order to be set downe by the Justices of peace of the sayd Countie, at their generall quarter Sessions; or the greater part of them, by like leaue and agreement of the said lord or lords in writing vnder his or their hands and seales, to erect, build, and set by in fit and convenient places of habitation, in such waste or Common, at the generall charges of the parish, or otherwise of the Hundred or Countie as aforesayd, to be taxed, rated and gathered in manner before expressed, convenient houses of dwelling for the sayd impotent poore, and also to place Inmates, or more families then one in one cottage or house. One Acte made in the xxiij. yere of her Maiesties reigne intituled, An Acte against the erecting and mainteining of cottages, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, that if any person or persons shall finde themselves grieved with any lesse or rate, or other Act done by the sayd Churchwardens, and other persons, or by the sayd Justices of peace, that then it shalbe lawfull for the Justices of peace at their generall quarter Sessions, or the greater number of them, to take such order therein as to them shalbe thought convenient, and the same to conclude and binde all the sayd parties.

And be it further enacted, that the parents or chylde of every poore, olde, blinde, lame, and impotent person or other poore person not able to worke, being of a sufficient abilitie, shal at their owne charges, relieue and mainteine every such poore person in that maner, and according to that rate, as by the Justices of peace of that Countie where such sufficient persons dwell, or the greater number of them, at their generall quarter Sessions shalbe assessed, vpon paine that every one of them to forfeit xx. shillings for every moneth which they shall faile therein.

And be it further hereby enacted, that the Maiors, Bailiffs, or other head Officers of every corporate Towne within this Realme, being Justice or Justices of Peace, shall haue the same authoritie by vertue of this Act, within the limits and precincts of their corporations, as well out of Sessions, as at their Sessions, as is herein limited, prescribed and appointed to any of the Justices of peace of the Countie, for all the uses and purposes in this Acte prescribed, and no other Justice of peace to enter or meddle there.

And be it also enacted, that if it shall happen any parish to extend it selfe into moe Counties then one, or part to lie within the libertie of any Citie, or Towne corporate, and part without, that then, as well the Justices of peace of every Countie, as also the head Officers of such Citie or Towne corporate, shall deale and intermeddle onely in so much of the sayd parish as lieth within their libertie, and not any further.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that from the first day of Nouember next ensuing the end of this Session of Parliament, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall go wandring abroad and begge in any place wheresoeuer, by licence or without, vpon paine to be esteemed, taken and punished as a Rogue.

Provided alwayes, that this present Act shall not extend to any poore people, which shall aske reliefe of victuals onely in the same parish where such poore people do dwell, so the same be in such time onely, and according to such order and direction, as shalbe made and appointed by the Churchwardens and Duerseers of the poore of the same according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all penalties and forfeitures before mentioned in this Act, shal go and be imployed to the use of the poore of the same parish, and towards a stocke and habitation for them, and other necessarie uses and reliefe, as before in this Act are mentioned and expressed, and shalbe leuied by the sayd Churchwardens and Duerseers, or one of them, by warrant from any two such Justices of peace by distress and sale, as aforesayd, or in defect thereof, it shalbe lawfull for any two such Justices of peace to commit the offender to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, till the sayd forfeitures shalbe satisfied and payed: And so far as all begging is forbidden by this present Act:

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of peace of every Countie or place corporate, or the more part of them in their general Sessions to be holden, next after the end of this Session of Parliament, or in default thereof, at the quarter Sessions to be holden, about the feast of Easter next, shall rate every parish to such a weekly summe of money as they shall thinke convenient: so as no parish be rated above the summe of six pence, nor vnder the summe of an halfe penny, weekly to be payed, and so as the totall summe of such taxation of the Parishes in every Countie, amount not above the rate of two pence for every Parish in the sayde Countie, whiche summes so taxed, shall be yearly assessed by the agreement of the Parishioners within themselves, or in de-

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fault thereof by the Churchwardens and Constables of the same Parish, or the more part of them, or in default of their agreement, by the order of such Justice or Justices of Peace as shall dwell in the same Parish, or (if none be there dwelling) in the parts next adjoining: And if any person shall refuse, or neglect to pay any such portion of money so taxed, it shall be lawfull for the sayd Churchwardens and Constables, or in their default, for the Justices of the Peace, to leuie the same by distresse, and sale of the goods of the partie so refusing or neglecting, rendering to the partie the ouerplus, and in default of such distresse, it shall be lawfull to any Justice of that limit, to commit such persons to prison, there to abide without baile or mainprize, till he haue payed the same.

And be it also enacted, that the sayd Justices of the Peace, at their generall quarter Sessions to be holden at the time of such taxation, shall set downe what competent summe of money shall be sent quarterly out of euery County or place corporate, for the reliefe of the poore prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, and also of such Hospitals and Almes houses, as shall be in the sayd County, and what summes of money shall be sent to euery one of the sayd Hospitals and Almes houses, so as there be sent out of euery Countie yerely twentie shillings at the least, to the sayd prisoners of the Kings Bench and Marshalsey, which summes ratably to be assessed vpon euery Parish, the Churchwardens of euery Parish shall truely collect and pay ouer to the high Constable, in whose diuision such parish shall be situate from time to time quarterly, ten dayes before the end of euery quarter: and euery such Constable at euery such quarter Sessions in such county, shall pay ouer the same to two such Justices of the peace, or to one of them, as shall be by the more part of the Justices of Peace of the Countie, elected to be Treasurers of the said collection, which Treasurers in euery Countie so chosen, shall continue but for the space of one whole yeere, and then giue by their charge with a due account of their receits & disbursements at their meeting in the quarter Sessions, to be holden after the feast of Easter in euery yeere, to such others as shall from yeere to yeere in forme aforesaid, successiuelly be elected, which sayd Treasurers, or one of them, shall pay ouer the same to the Lord chiefe Justice of England, and Knight Marshal for the time being, equally to be diuided to the vse aforesaid, taking their acquittances for the same, or in default of the sayd chiefe Justice, to the next ancientest Justice of the Kings Bench, as aforesaid. And if any Churchwarden or high Constable, or his executors, or administrators, shall faile to make payment in forme aboue specified, then euery Churchwarden, his executors or administrators so offending, shall forfeit for euery time, the summe of ten shillings, and euery high Constable, his executors or administrators, shall forfeit for euery time the summe of twenty shillings, the same forfeitures together with the summes behinde, to be leuied by the sayd Treasurer and Treasurers by way of distresse, and sale of the goods as aforesaid, in forme aforesayde, and by them to be employed, towards the charitable uses comprised in this Act.

And be it further enacted, that all the surplussage of money which shall be remaining in the said stocke of any countie, shall by discretion of the more part of the Justices of Peace in their quarter Sessions, be ordered, distributed, and bestowed for the reliefe of the poore Hospitals of that Countie, and of those that shall susteine losses by fire, water, the sea, or other casualties, and to such other charitable purposes, for the reliefe of the poore, as to the more part of the sayd Justices of Peace shall seeme conuenient.

And be it further enacted, that if any Treasurer shall wilfully refuse to take vpon him the sayd office of Treasurer, or refuse to distribute and giue reliefe according to such forme as shall be appointed by the more part of the sayd Justices of Peace, that then it shall be lawfull for the Justices of Peace in their quarter Sessions, or in their default for the Justices of Assize, at the Assizes to be holden in the same Countie, to fine the same Treasurer by their discretion: the same fine to be leuied by sale of his goods, and to be prosecuted by any two of the sayd Justices of Peace whom they shall authorize.

Provided alwayes neuertheless, that euery Souldier being discharged of his seruice, or otherwise lawfully licensed to passe into his countrey, and not hauing wherewith to relieue himselfe in his trauels homewards, and euery Seafaring man landing from Sea, not hauing wherewith to relieue himselfe in his trauels homewards, hauing a testimoniall vnder the hand of some one Justice of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed or was discharged, setting downe therein the place and time, where, and when he landed, or was discharged, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which he is to passe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his passage, shall and may without incurring the danger or penaltie of this Acte in the vsuall wayes, directly to the place vnto which he is directed to passe, and within the time in such his testimoniall limited for his passage, aske and receiue such reliefe as shall be necessary, in, and for his passage: this Act or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this Act shall indure no longer then to the end of the next Session of Parliament.

¶ An Acte for punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds, and sturdie Beggars. Chap. iiii.

**F**or the suppressing of Rogues, Vagabonds and sturdie beggars, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next comming, all Statutes heretofore made for the punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds or sturdie beggars, or for the erection or maintenance of houses of correction or touching the same, shall for so much as concerneth the same be utterly repealed: And that from and after the said feast of



of Easter, from time to time it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Iustices of Peace of any Countie or citie in this Realme or the dominions of Wales, assembled at any quarter Sessions of the Peace within the same Countie, Citie, borough, or towne corporate, or the more part of them, to set downe order to erect, and to cause to be erected one or more houses of correction within their severall Counties or Cities: for the doing and performing whereof, and for the providing of stocks of money, and all other things necessarie for the same, and for raising and governing of the same, and for correction and punishment of offenders thither to be committed, such orders as the same Iustices or the more part of them shall from time to time take, reforme, or set downe in any their sayd quarter Sessions in that behalfe, shall be of force, and be duly performed and put in execution.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, That all persons calling themselves Scholars, going about begging, all Seafaring men, pretending losses of their ships or goods on the Sea, going about the countrey begging, all idle persons going about in any countrey either begging or using any subtil craft, or unlawfull games and playes, or faining themselves to have knowledge in Physiognomie, Palmestrie, or other like crafty science, or pretending that they can tell destinies, fortunes, or such other like fantastical imaginations: All persons that be, or utter themselves to be Doctors, procurers, patent gatherers, or Collectours for gaoles, prisons, or hospitals: All Fencers, Bearewards, Common players of Enterludes, and Minstrels, wandering abroad (other then Players of Enterludes belonging to any Baron of this Realme, or any other honourable personage of greater degree, to be authorized to play under the hand and seale of Armes of such Baron or personage) All Juglers, Cinckers, Pedlers, and Petie chapmen, wandering abroad: All wandering persons and common labourers, being persons able in bodie, using loitering, & refusing to worke for such reasonable wages, as is tared or commonly given in such parts, where such persons doe, or shall happen to dwell or abide, not having living otherwise to mainteine themselves, All persons delivred out of gaoles that begge for their fees, or otherwise do crauell begging: All such persons as shall wander abroad begging, pretending losses by fire, or otherwise: And all such persons not being fellows, wandering and pretending themselves to be Egyptians, or wandering in the habit, forme, or attire of counterfeite Egyptians, shall be taken, adjudged and deemed Rogues, Vagabonds, and sturdie Beggars, and shall sustaine such paine and punishments, as by this Acte is in that behalfe appointed.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that every person which is by this present Acte declared to be a Rogue, Vagabond, or sturdie begger, which shall be at any time after the sayd feast of Easter next comming, taken begging, vagrant, wandering or misordering themselves in any part of this Realme or the Dominion of Wales, shall upon their apprehension by the appointment of any Justice of the Peace, Constable, Headborough or Tithingman of the same Countie, Hundred, Parish, or Tithing, where such person shall be taken, the Tithingman or Headborough, being assisted therein with the advice of the Minister, and one other of that Parish, be stripped naked from the middle upwards, and shall be openly whipped untill his or her body be bloody: and shall be forthwith sent from Parish to Parish, by the officers of every the same, the next straight way to the Parish where he was borne, if the same may be knownen by the parties confession or otherwise. And if the same be not knownen, then to the parish where he or she last dwelt before the same punishment by the space of one whole yere, there to put him or herselfe to labour as a true subject ought to do: or not being knownen where he or she was borne or last dwelt, then to the Parish thowto which he or she last passed without punishment. After which whipping the same person shall have a testimoniall subscribed with the hand, and sealed with the seale of the same Justice of the Peace, Constable, Headborough or Tithingman, and of the Minister of the same Parish, or of any two of them, testifying that the same person hath bin punished according to this Act, and mentioning the day and place of his or her punishment, and the place where unto such person is limited to goe, and by what time the sayd person is limited to passe thither at his perill. And if the sayd person through his or her default do not accomplish the order appointed by the sayd testimoniall, then to be esloones taken and whipped, and so often as any default shall be found in him or her contrary to the forme of this statute, in every place to be whipped, till such person be repaired to the place limited: the substance of which testimoniall shall be registred by the Minister of that Parish, in a booke to be provided for that purpose, upon paine to forfeit five shillings for every default thereof, and the party so whipped, and not knownen where he or she was borne, or last dwelt by the space of a yere, shall by the officers of the sayd Village where he or she so last past thowto without punishment, be conveyed to the house of Correction of the limit wherein the sayd Village standeth, or to the common gaole of that countie or place, there to remaine and be employed in worke, untill he or she shall be placed in some service, and so to continue by the space of one yere, or not being able of body, untill he or she shall be placed to remaine in some almshouse in the same County or place.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, if any of the sayd Rogues shall appeare to be dangerous to the inferior sort of people where they shall be taken, or otherwise be such as will not be reformed of their roguish kinde of life by the former provisions of this Act, that in every such case it shall & may be lawfull to the sayd Justices of the limit where any such Rogue shall be taken, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to commit that Rogue to the house of Correction, or otherwise to the gaole of the County, there to remaine untill their next quarter Sessions to be holden in that County, and then such of the same Rogues so committed, as by the Justices of the Peace then and there present, or the most part of them, shall be thought fit to be delivred, shall and may lawfully by the same Justices or the most part of them, be banished out of this Realme, and all other the dominions thereof, & at the charges of

of that Countrey, shall be conveyed unto such parts beyond the Seas as shalbe at any time hereafter for that purpose assigned by the private Counsel unto her Maestie, her heires or successors, or by any five or more of them, whereof the L. Chancellor, or L. Keeper of the great Seale, or the L. Treasurer for the time being to be one, or otherwise be iudged perpetually to the Gallies of this Realme, as by the same Iustices or the most part of them it shalbe thought fit and expedient. And if any such Rogue so banished as aforesaid shal returne againe into any part of this Realme or Dominion of Wales without lawfull licence or warrant so to doe, that in every such case such offence shall be felonye, and the partie offending therein suffer death as in case of felonye: The said felonye to be heard and determined in that Countie of this Realme or Wales, in which the offender shall be apprehended.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any towne, parish, or village, the Constable, headborough or Tithingman be negligent and do not his or their best endeavours for the apprehension of such vagabond, rogue or sturdie beggar, which there shalbe found contrary to the forme of this present act, and to cause every of them to bee punished and conveyed according to the true meaning of this present act, that then the said Constable, headborough or tithingman, in whom such default shall be, shall lose and forfeit for every such default x. s. And also if any person or persons do in any wise disturbe or let the execution of this law or any part thereof, concerning the punishment or conveying of rogues, vagabonds, sturdie beggars, or the reliefe or setting of poore impotent persons in any manner of wise, or make rescuie against any officer or person authorized by this present acte for the due execution of any the premises, the same person so offending, shall forfeite and lose for every such offence the summe of v. li. and shall bee bound to the good behavioir.

And be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons having charge in any voiage, in passing from the Realmes of Ireland or Scotland, or from the Isle of Man into this Realme of England, doe willingly or willingly bring or convey, or suffer to be brought or conveyed in any vessel or boate from and out of the said realme of Ireland, Scotland, or Isle of Man, into the Realme of England or Wales or any part thereof, any vagabond, rogue or beggar, or any such as shall be forced or very like to live by begging within the Realme of England or Wales, being borne in the same Realmes or Island, on paine of every such person so offending, to forfeite and lose for every such vagabond, rogue, beggar, or other person like to live by begging xx. s. to the use of the poore of the said parish in which they were set on land. And if any such Mannik, Scottish or Irish rogue, vagabond or beggar, bee already, or shall at any time hereafter be set on land, or shall come into any part of England or Wales, the same after he or she shall be punished as aforesaid, shall be conveyed to the next port or parish in or neere which they were landed or first came, in such sort as rogues are appointed to be by this present Act, and from thence to be transported at the common charge of the countrey where they were set on land, into those parts from whence they came or were brought. And that every Constable, Headborough and Tithingman neglecting the due performance thereof, shall forfeit for every such offence x. s.

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no diseased or impotent poore person shall at any time resort or repaire from their dwelling places to the city of Bath, or towne of Burton, or either of them to the Bathes there for the ease of their griefes, unlesse such person do forbear to begge, and be licensed to passe thither by two Iustices of the peace of the Countrey where such person doth or shall then dwell or remaine, and provided for to traueile with such reliefe, for and towards his or her maintenance as shalbe necessary for the same person, for the time of such his or her traueile, and abode at the city of Bath and towne of Burton, or either of them, and returne thence, and shall returne home againe as shalbe limited by the sayd licence, upon paine to be reputed, punished, and used as rogues, vagabonds, and sturdie beggars, declared by this present Acte. And that the inhabitants of the same city of Bath, and towne of Burton, shall not in any wise be charged by this Act with the finding or reliefe of any such poore people.

Provided alwayes, that the Iustices of peace within any Countie of this Realme or Wales, shall not intromitt or enter into any citie, borough, or townes corporate, where be any Justice or Iustices of the peace for any such citie, borough, or towne corporate for the execution of any branch, article or sentence of this Acte, for or concerning any offence, matter or cause growing or arising within the precincts, liberties or iurisdiccions of such city, borough, or townes corporate, but that it may and shalbe lawfull to the Justice and Iustices of the peace, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and other head Officers of those cities, boroughs, and townes corporate, where there be such Iustices of the peace to proceed to the execution of this Act, within the precinct and compasse of their liberties in such manner and forme as the Iustices of peace in any Countrey may or ought to do within the same Countrey, by vertue of this Act, any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the poore people for the time being in the Hospitall, called S. Thomas Hospitall, otherwise called the Kings Hospitall in the borough of Southwiche neere adioyning to the citie of London, but that the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the sayd citie of London for the time being, shall and may haue the rule, order and government of the sayd Hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the time being, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Act or any thing therein contained or any authoritie thereby given, shall not in any wise extend to diminish, prejudice or hinder John Dutton of Dutton, in the Countie of Cheshire esquire, his heires or assignes, for, touching or concerning any libertie, preeminence, authoritie, iurisdiction or inheritance, which the sayd



sayd John Dutton now lawfully bleth, or hath, or lawfully may or ought to vse within the Countie Palantine of Chester, and the Countie of the Citie of Chester, or either of them by reason of any ancient charters of any Kings of this land, or by reason of any prescription, blage, or title, whatsoeuer.

And he is further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all fines and forfeitures appointed or to grow by this present Act, (except such as are otherwise limited and appointed by this present Act) shall wholly goe and be employed to the vse of the reparations and maintenance of the sayd houses of correction, and stocke and stoe thereof, or reliefe of the poore where the offence shall be committed, at the discretion of the Justices of the Peace of the same limit, citie, borough or towne corporate: And that all fines and forfeitures appointed or to grow by conviction of any person according to this present Act, shall by warrant vnder the hands and seales of any two or more of the Justices of the peace of the same countie, citie, borough or towne corporate, be leuied by distresse and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, which sale shall be good in the law against such offender. And that if any of the said offences shall be confessed by the offender, or that the same shall be proued by two sufficient and lawfull witnesses, before such two or more Justices of the peace, that then euery such person shall forthwith stand and be in the law convicted thereof.

And he is also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that any two or more Justices of the peace within all the sayd leuerall shires, cities, boroughs or townes corporate, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power by authoritie of this present Act, to heare and determine all causes that shall grow or come in question by reason of this Act.

And he is also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, shall and may at all times hereafter by vertue of this present Act, without further warrant, make, and direct commission or commissions vnder the great Seale of England, to any person or persons, giuing them or some of them thereby authoritie, as well by the othes of good and lawfull men, as of witnesses or examination of parties, or by any other lawfull wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, to enquire what summes of money or other things haue bene or shall be collected or gathered for, or towards the erection of any houses of correction, or any stocks or other things to set poore on worke, or for the maintenance thereof at any time after the seuenteenth day of November, in the eighteenth yere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and by whom the same were or shall be collected or gathered, and to whose hands comen, and to what vse, and by whose direction the same was or shall be employed: And to call all and euery such person and persons, and their sureties, and euery of their executors or administrators to an account: And to compell them and euery of them by attachment of their goods or bodies, to appeare before them for the same, and to heare and determine the same, and to leuie such money & things as they shall finde not to haue bene duely employed vpon the sayd houses of correction, or stocks, or vpon other like vses, hauing in such other like vses respect of things past by the sayd Commissioners to be allowed of, either by distresse and sale of the goods and chattels of such persons as they shall thinke fit to be chargeable or answerable for the same, or by imprisonment of their bodies at their discretion: And that the sayd Commissioners shall haue full power and authoritie to execute the same Commission according to the tenour and purport thereof: And that all their proceedings, doings, iudgements and executions by force and authoritie thereof, shall be and remaine good and available in the law: which sayd money so leuied by the sayd Commissioners, shall be deliuered and employed for the erecting or maintenance of the same.

Provided alwayes neuertheless, that euery Seafaring man suffering shipwracke, not hauing wherewith to relieue himselfe in his trauels homewards, but hauing a testimoniall vnder the hand of some one Justice of the peace of or nere the place where he landed, setting downe therein the place and time where and when he landed, and the place of the parties dwelling or birth, vnto which he is to passe, and a conuenient time therein to be limited for his passage, shall and may without incurring the danger and penalty of this Act in the vsuall wayes directly to the place vnto which he is directed to passe, and within the time in such his testimoniall limited for his passage, aske and receiue such reliefe as shall be necessary in and for his passage.

Provided also, that this Statute nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to any childzen vnder the age of seuen yeres, nor to any such Glasmen as shall be of good behauior, and do trauaile in or thorow any countrey without begging, hauing licence for their traueilling vnder the handes and seales of three Justices of the peace of the same Countie where they trauell, whereof one to be of the Quorum.

And he is also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this present Act shall be proclaimed in the next quarter Session or Sessions in euery Countie, and in such other market Townes or places, as by the more part of the Justices of the peace in the sayd Sessions shall be agreed and appointed, This Act to endure to the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act for erecting of Hospitals, or abiding and working houses for the poore. Chap. v.

**W**hereas at the last Session of Parliament, prouision was made as well for maimed souldiers, by collection in euery parish, as for other poore, that it should be lawfull for euery person, during twentie yeres next after the sayd Parliament, by testiment, will in writing, or other assurance to giue & bequeath in fee simple as well to the

the use of the pooze, as for the pꝛouision, sustentation, or maintenance of any house of coꝛrection, or abiding houses, or of any stocks or stozes, all or any part of his lands, tenements or hereditaments: Her most excellent Maiestie vnderstanding and finding that the sayd good lawe hath not taken such effect as was intended, by reason that no person can erect or incorporate any Hospitall, houses of coꝛrection or abiding places but her Maiestie, or by her Highnesse speciall licence by Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England in that behalfe to be obtained: Her Maiestie graciously affecting the good successe of so good and charitable woꝛkes, and that without often sute vnto her Maiestie, and with as great ease and little charge as may be, is of her Princely care and blessed disposition to and for the reliefe and comfort of maimed Souldiers, Mariners, and other pooze and impotent people, pleased and contented that it bee enacted by authoritie of this pꝛesent Parliament: And bee it enacted by the authoritie of this pꝛesent Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, seised of any estate in fee simple, in fact, beere or assignes, at his or their willes and pleasures, shall haue full power, strength, licence, and lawfull authoritie at any time during the space of twentie yeeres next ensuing, by deed inrolled in the high Court of Chancerie, to erect, found, and establish one or moze Hospitals, Measons de Dieu, abiding places, or houses of coꝛrection, at his or their will and pleasure, as well for the finding, sustentation and reliefe of the maimed, pooze, needie or impotent people, as to set the pooze to woꝛke, to haue continuance for euery, and from time to time to place therein such head and members, and such number of pooze as to him, his heires and assignes shall seeme conuenient: And that the same Hospitals or houses so founded, shall be incorporated, and haue perpetuall successions for euery, in fact, beere and name, and of such head, members, and numbers of pooze, needie, maimed or impotent people, as shall be appointed, assigned, limited or named by the Founder or Founders, his or their heires, executours or assignes, by any such deed inrolled: And that such Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, abiding place, or house of coꝛrection, and the persons therein placed, shall be incorporated, named and called by such name as the sayd Founder or Founders, his heires, executours or assignes shall so limit, assigne and appoint: And the same Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, abiding place, or house of coꝛrection so incorporated and named, shall be a body corporate and politike, and shall by that name of incorporation, haue full power, authoritie, and lawfull capacite and abilitie, to purchase, take, holde, receiue, enioy and haue to them and to their successours for euery, as well goods and chattels, as manours, lands, tenements and hereditaments, being freeholde of any person or persons whatsoeuer: so that the same exceede not the yeerely value of two hundred pounds aboue all charges and reppises, to any one such abiding house, Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, or house of coꝛrection: And so as the same or any part thereof be not holden of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires or successours, immediately in chiefe, or els of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or any other person by Knight seruice, without licence or writ of Ad quod damnum, or the Statute of Mortmain, or any other statute or law to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the same Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, abiding place, or house of coꝛrection, and the persons so being incorporated, founded and named, shall haue full power and lawfull authoritie by the true name of the incorporation thereof, to sue and to be sued, implead and to be impleaded, to answere and to be answered vnto, in all maner of Courts and places that now are, or hereafter shall be within this Realme, as well temporall as spirituall, in all maner of sutes whatsoeuer, and of what nature and kinde soeuer such sutes or actions be or shall be: And that the same Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, abiding house, or house of coꝛrection, shall haue and enioy for euery such a common Seale or Seales, as by the sayd Founder or Founders, his or their heires, executours or assignes shall be in writing vnder his or their hand and seale assigned, named or appointed: whereby the same incorporation shall or may seale any maner of instrument touching the same incorporation, and the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods or other things thereto belonging, or in any wise touching or concerning the same. And further shall be ordered, directed and visited, placed or vpon iust cause displaced by such person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, their heires, successours or assignes, as shall be nominated or assigned by the Founder or Founders thereof, their heires or assignes, according to such rules, statutes and ordinances, as shall be set forth, made, deuised or established by the sayd Founder or Founders, their heires or assignes in writing vnder his or their hand and seale, not being repugnant or contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, any law, statute, custome, vsage, or other thing whatsoeuer to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And that it shall be lawfull vnto the Founder or Founders, his and their heires or assignes, vpon the death or remouing of any head or member of any such corporation, to place one other in the roome of him that dieth, or is remoued, successiuelly for euery.

Provided alwayes, that all leases, grants, conueyance or estates, to be made by any corporation so to be founded, as aforesayd, exceeding the number of xxi. yeeres, and that in possession, and whereupon the accustomed yeerely rent or moze, by the greater part of xi. yeeres next before the making of such lease, shall not be reserved and yeerely payable, shall be void. Saving to all persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours (other then the founders and giuers, their heires and successours) all such right, title, claime, possession, rents, seruices, commons, demands, interest and profits, which they or any of them shall haue, or of right ought to haue, of, in or to any the lands, tenements or hereditaments hereafter to be giuen, limited or assigned in forme aforesayd, in as ample maner, as if this statute had neuer bene had or made.

Provided also, that this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to enable any person or persons being within age, women couert without their husbands, or of not sane memorie, to make any such corporation, or to endow the same: Any thing in this present Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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Provided alwayes, that no such Hospitall, Meason de Dieu, abiding place, or house of correction shalbe erected, founded, or incorporated by force of this Acte, vnlesse vpon the foundation or erection thereof, the same be endowd for euer with lands, tenements or hereditaments, of the cleere yerely value of x. li. by the yere.

Provided also, and be it further enacted, that no such incorporation to be founded by force of this Act, shall at any time hereafter do, or suffer to be done, any Act or thing whereby or by meanes whereof any of the lands, tenements, hereditaments, stocke, goods or chattels of such incorporation, or any estate, interest, possession, or proprietie of or in the same or any of them shalbe vested or transferred in or to any other whatsoeuer, contrary to the true meaning of this Act: And that such construction shalbe made vpon this Act as shalbe most beneficiall & available for the maintenance of the poore; and for repressing and auoiding of all Acts and deuices to be inuented, or put in vye contrary to the true meaning of this Act.

¶ An Acte to reforme deceits and breaches of trust touching lands giuen to charitable vses. Chap. vj.

**W**heras diuers Colledges, Hospitals, Almes houses, and other places within this Realme of England, haue bene founded and ordeined, some of them by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, and by other her noble progenitors, and some by other goodly and well disposed persons, for the charitable reliefe of poore, aged and impotent people, maimed souldiers, schooles of learning, Orphanes, and for such other good, charitable and lawfull purposes and intents: And where diuers lands, tenements & hereditaments, leases, goods and chattels, haue bene giuen, limited and appointed for the like charitable, good and lawfull vses, intents and purposes: as also for reparation of high wayes, amendement of Bridges, and Seabanks, for the maintenance of free schooles and poore scholars, as also for the reliefe and preferment of orphanes and fatherlesse children, and such like good, lawfull and charitable vses: which lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, leases and chattels, haue bene and are still like to be most unlawfully and vcharitably conuerted to the lucre and gaine of some few greedy and couetous persons, contrarie to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and disposers thereof: to the end such goodly and charitable purposes and vses may be from henceforth obserued and continued, according to the true intent and meaning of the giuers and founders thereof, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the foresayd good, godly and charitable vses and intents: Be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, and for the Chancellor of the Duchie of Lancaster for the time being, for lands within the Countie Palantine of Lancaster from time to time to auard Commissions vnder the great Seale of England, or the Seale of the Countie Palantine, as the case shall require, into all or any part or parts of this Realme, respectiue according to their severall iurisdiccions aforesayd, to the Bishop of euery seueral diocesse and his Chancellor, and to other persons of good and sound behauiour, authorising them thereby to enquire as well by the othes of twelue lawfull men of the Countie, as by all other good and lawfull wayes and meanes of all and singular such gifts, limitations and purposes, and of the abuses and misdemeanors, misemployments, falsities, defrauding of the trusts, intents and purposes, alienations or misgouernments, which haue bene had, or at any time hereafter shalbe had or made, and of all and euery other matter, thing and cause, whereby or by meanes whereof the good and godly vses aforesayd, cannot or may not be maintained, executed and performed, according to the true intent & meaning of the Donors or founders, and according to the true intent and meaning of any the aforesayd good, godly, and charitable vses and intents: And after such inquiry made, vpon hearing and examining therof, to set downe such orders, iudgement and decrees, as the said good, godly and charitable vses may be truly obserued, in full, ample and most liberall sort, according to the true intent and meaning of the founders, or Donors thereof. Which orders, iudgements and decrees, not being contrarie or repugnant to the orders, statutes, or decrees of the Donors or founders, shall by the authoritie of this present Parliament, stand firme and good according to the tenor and purport thereof.

Provided alwayes, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall in any wayes extend to any Colledges, Halls, or houses of learning, within the Vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or to the Colledges of Westminster, Eaton, or Winchester, or any of them, nor to the lands, reuenues or possessions thereunto belonging: neither to any Cathedral Church within this Realme of England, nor to the lands or possessions thereunto appertaining or belonging.

Provided also, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein, shall extend to any Citie or Towne incorporate, or to any the lands or tenements, giuen to the vses aforesayd, within any such Citie or Towne incorporate, where there is a speciall Gouernour or Gouernours, appointed to gouerne or direct such lands, tenements or things disposed to any the vses aforesayd: neither to any Colledge, Hospitall or free schoole, which haue speciall Visitors, or Gouernors, or Quereleers appointed them by their founders.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that neither this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shalbe any way preiudiciall or hurtfull to the iurisdiction or power of the Ordinary: but that he may lawfully in euery cause execute and performe the same, as though this Act had neuer bene had or made.

Provided also, that no person or persons that hath, or shall have any of the landes, tenements or hereditaments, goods or chattels, given, limited or appointed to or for any the uses, purposes or intents aforesayd, shall intermeddle as a Commissioner in any the causes aforesayd.

Provided alwayes, and it is further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that all such orders, iudgements and decrees, as shalbe so let downe by the sayd Commissioners as is aforesayd, shalbe certified vnder the seales of the sayd Commissioners, either into the court of the Chancery of England, or into the court of the Chancery within the countie Palatine of Lancaster, as the case shall require respectiue, according to their seuerall iurisdiccions within such conuenient time as shalbe limited in the sayd Commissions: And that the sayd L. Chancellor, or L. Keeper, or the sayd Chancellor of the Duchie, shall and may within their sayd seuerall iurisdiccions, take such order for the due execution of all or any of the sayd iudgements, decrees and orders, as to either of them shall seeme fit and conuenient. And that if after any such certificate or certificates made, any person or persons shall find themselves grieued with any of the sayd orders, iudgements or decrees, that then it shall and may be lawfull to & for them, or any of them to complaine in that behalfe vnto the sayd Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper, or to the Chancellor of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, according to their seuerall iurisdiccions for redresse therein: And that vpon such complaint the sayd L. Chancellor or L. Keeper, or the sayd Chancellor of the Duchie may according to their sayd seuerall iurisdiccions proceed to the examination, hearing, and determining hereof as to either of them in their sayd seuerall iurisdiccions, shall be thought to stand with equitie and good conscience: Any thing in this Act contained to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the more speedie payment of the Queenes Maiestie debts, and for the better explanation of the Acte made in the xiiij. yere of the Queenes Maiestie, intituled, An Acte to make the lands, tenements, goods and chattels of Tellers, Receiuers, &c. liable to the payment of their debts, Chap. vij.

For the better and moze speedy payment and satisfaction of her Maiesties debts and duties from officers and accountants, Be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that one act made in the seuen & twentieth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, that now is, intituled, An Act for the explanation of the Statute made Ann. xiiij. of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Acte to make the lands, tenements, goods and chattels of Tellers, Receiuers, &c. liable to the payment of their debts, shall from henceforth be repealed and of no effect. And that one other Act made in the foureteenth yere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act against the deceit of Vndercollectors of the Tenths and Subsidies of the Clergy, shalbe likewise from henceforth repealed and made void. And that the sayd Act made in the thirteenth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, in every part thereof touching the power given by that Act vnto her Highnesse, her heires and successors, to make sale of any the lands, tenements or hereditaments, by the same Act limited to be solde, is, shall and ought to be expounded and intended as well in case where the sale is to be made after the death of such accountant or debtor, as where it is to be made in his or their life time: And also as well in case where the account is made, and the debt known, within eight yeeres after the death of such Accountant or Debtor, as where the same account is made, or debt known in the life time of the sayd Accountant or Debtor. And that no person shalbe expounded a Debtor within the meaning and intent of this Act, but such onely as haue bene, are, or shall be farmer or farmers of any Customes, Subsidies, or Imposts, Wages, Butlerage, or other duties within any Port of the Realme, and such officers and accountants hereafter in this act mentioned and expresse, as vpon their accounts finished and determined (all his and their due and reasonable petitions being allowed) shall remaine debtor, vpon the foot of his and their accounts: Any ambiguitie or question that hath risen or growen, or may arise, grow, or may be conceiued vpon the letter of the same Act of the thirteenth yere, or of this present Act, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the authority of this present Parliament, that after one yere next after the account hereafter to be made, or the debt or duty hereafter to be known of any Treasurer, Receiuer, Teller, Customer, Farmers of Imposts, or other person or debtor, named or mentioned in the said Act, made in the xiiij. yere of her Maiesties reigne, and hereafter mentioned and expresse (all his and their due & reasonable petitions vpon the same account finished, or debt known, being allowed) And for accounts heretofore made, or debts known of any such accountant or debtor abovesayd, after one yere next following after the end of this present Session of Parliament, it shall and may be lawfull to and for our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successors, for & towards the satisfaction of the sayd debt or dutie, or of so much thereof as shall then be vn timer, by Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, to sell, conuey and assure such and so much of the manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, which any such officer, farmer, debtor, or person accountable, at any time since the second day of April, in the sayd xiiij. yere of her Maiesties reigne, had, or hereafter shall haue, from or during such time as such person or persons were, are, or shalbe such officer or officers, farmer, debtor, or person accountable as aforesayd, vnto her Maiestie, or which otherwife are to be sold for the same, by the true intent & meaning of the said act, made in the xiiij. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall suffice our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successors, for the satisfaction of his or their debt or duty. And if any ouerplus of mony shalbe had vpon any such sale, that then the same shalbe deliuered & payd presently vpon request, without other petition to be made for the same, to the party or parties,



parties, whose land shalbe solde, his or their heires, out of the receipt of her Maiesties Exchequer, by warrant of the *L. Treasurer, Under-treasurer* of the Exchequer for the time being, without other warrant from her Maiesty, her heires and successours, and without any fees or charges to be payd for the same, and that every sale, conueyance and assurance so to be made by her Maiestie, her heires and successours, shalbe as good and effectuell in the law, as if the same were or had bin made by any such officer, farmer, debter or person accountable for mony or other valuable consideration, by bargain and sale, deed enrolled, feoffment, recoverie, with single or double voucher, or by all or any of them: And that also binde and barre onely every such officer, farmer, debter and person accountable, and his & their heires, and all other claiming by, from, or vnder them or any of them, after such time as he or they became, or shall become officer, farmer, debter, or person accountable, as is aforesayde, and all and every other person and persons, their heires and successours, which any such officer, farmer, debter, or person accountable, might haue barred, or may barre by any such recovery, and all such whole lands are to be solde by the true intent and meaning of the sayd Act of the thirteenth yere, and all persons claiming from, by or vnder them, and shall also be good and available against the *Queenes Maiesty*, her heires and successours, and all other persons claiming from, by or vnder her Maiestie, her heires or successours, for or by reason of any former charge, or other incumbrance to her Maiesty, her heires and successours, by the person or persons, for whose debt or duty the same shall happen to be solde.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that such sale, conueyance or assurance, which shall at any time hereafter be had or made by vertue of this Act, or of the sayd Act of the thirteenth yere of her Maiesties reigne, shal not impeach or auoid any demise, lease, or grant heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by the *Queenes Maiestie*, her heires or successours, of any such lands, tenements or hereditaments, which shalbe solde, conueyed or assured, as is aforesayd, or of any part thereof, any other wise, or in any other sort, maner or forme, then the same should haue bene auoied or impeached by the ordinary course of the Common law, if her Maiesty, her heires or successours had bene, or shalbe fully satisfied of such debt or duty, for which any such lands, tenements or hereditaments, shalbe solde, conueyed or assured by vertue of this Act, or of the sayd Act of the xiii. yere of her Highnesse reigne, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that as well this Act and every clause therein contained, as the sayd Act made in the xiii. yere of her Highnesse reigne, and every clause therein contained, shall extend to all manner of Undercollectors of Tenths and Subsidies of the Clergie, which haue bene, now be, or hereafter shalbe, for satisfying of such money as any such Undercollector hath collected, or shall collect of the sayd Tenths and Subsidies, in as ample wise, as if euery such Undercollector were immediatly accountable to the *Queenes Maiestie*, her heires and successours. And that euery such Undercollector shal vpon proces to be awarded out of the Court of Exchequer of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, be chargeable to account for his receipt of such Tenths and Subsidies, as any Receiuer immediatly accountable to her Maiestie is or ought to be. And that euery Archbishop, and Bishop, and their heires, executors and assignes, and Deane & Chapter sede vacante, to whose charge the collection of such Tenths or Subsidies doth or shall apperteyne, shalbe discharged of so much of the sayd Tenths and Subsidies, as shalbe satisfied to the *Queenes Maiestie*, her heires or successours, of or by the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods or chattels, of such Undercollector or his heires, without any other warrant whatsoever, or charge in that behalfe to be obtained or susteyned.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that this Act or any thing therein contained, or the sayd Act of the xiii. yere, of any thing therein contained, shall not impeach or auoid any sale, lease, demise, grant, charge, extent, execution, or other assurance made before the beginning of this Parliament bona fide by any such person so accountable or indebted as is aforesayd, or by his heires, or by any person or persons claiming bona fide, from, by, or vnder them or any of them, nor shall extend to auoid any lease or demise, not exceeding the terme of xxi. yeres or three liues, whereupon so much yeerely rent hath or shalbe reserved and yeerely payable during euery such lease and demise, as at any time within twentie yeres next before the making of such demise or lease, hath or shall be payd or payd for the same, nor to auoid any lease for yeres determinable vpon three liues or vnder, made or to be made, whereupon such yeerely rent is or shalbe reserved as is aforesayd. Nor to auoid any customarie estate, made or to be made, according to the custome of the manor, whereof such customarie lands so let or demised are parcell.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that this Act shall extend onely to such as sit hence the beginning of the *M. Maiesties* reigne haue bene, now are, or shalbe *Treasurer, Teller or Receiuer*, or vsing, exercising, or hauing the office of *Treasurer, Teller or Receiuer*, in or belonging to any of the *M. Maiesties* courts of Exchequer, Wards and Liveries, or Duchy of Lancaster, *Treasurer of the chamber, Cofferer of the household, Treasurer for the wars, Treasurer of any Fort, Towne or Castle* where any garrison is or shall be kept, *Treasurer of the Admiraltie or Marine, Treasurer, Under-treasurer, or other person accountable to the Queenes Maiestie*, her heires or successours, for any office or charge of or within the mint, and others exercising or hauing any office or offices, of *Treasurer or Receiuer of any summe of money for provision of victuals, or for fortifications, buildings or workes, or for any other provisions to be vsed in any the offices of the Queenes Maiesties Ordnance and Artillerie, Armoirie, Wardrobe, Tents and Pavilions, or Kitchens, Customs, Collector, Farmer of Imposts, Customs, Subsidies, Butlerage, Pilage, or other duties within any Port of the Realme, Collector or Undercollector of Tenths & Subsidies of the Clergie, Collector of any Subsidie or Fifteene, Receiuer general or particular of the reuenues of any*

Countie of Counties and werable in the receipt of the Exchequer, or in the Courts of Wards and Liveries, or Duchie of Lancaster, Clerke of the Pannier, and other person or persons usually or ordinarily and voluntarily exercising, using or having any office of receipts, or usually or ordinarily and voluntarily taking upon him as an officer of any receipts, and to none other.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that the sayd Act of the thirteenth, or this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the sale of the landes, tenements or hereditaments of any officer, accountant or debtor, or of his or their heire or heires, or of any other person claiming from, by, or under them or any of them, for or by reason of any account, debt, or farme, whereof any such debtor or accountant, his or their heires, executors or administrators, have or shall have a quicquid est, or other usuall discharge, upon the declaration of his and their account, according to the usuall order of the sayd Court of Exchequer.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to give any power or authoritie to make any sale, conveyance or assurance of any manours, landes, tenements or hereditaments of any Archbishop, Bishop, Deane and Chapter, or of any other Ecclesiasticall person, whereof he or they, or any of them, be or hereafter shall be seised in the right of his or their Bishopricke, Church, or other corporation Ecclesiasticall whatsoever.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that the sayd Acte of the thirteenth or this Acte, shall not extend to the sale, conveyance or assurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments for any debt being installed,

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that this Act shall not extend to charge any Shirife, Eschetour, or bailife of Liberties, nor any of their heires or assignes, nor to the sale of the landes, tenements or hereditaments of any Shirife, Eschetour or Bailife of Liberties, nor of any their heires or assignes, for any thing touching his or their office of Shirifewicke, Eschetourship, or Bailiwicke, nor for any money or other thing, by them or any of them by reason of any of their sayd offices, otherwise, or in any other maner then they or any of them might lawfully have bene charged befoze the making of this Act, or of the sayd Act of the thirteenth yere of her Maiesties reigne, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that if the Queenes Maiesty, her heires or successours, shall by any sale, conveyance or assurance of any manours, landes, tenements or hereditaments by force of the sayd Act of the thirteenth or of this Act, or by other matter, appearing of Record, be fully satisfied of the debt or arrearages of any such Officer, accountant or debtor, or of any part thereof: Then the duties of such Officer, accountant or debtor, and other person or persons bound or to be bound for such accountant or debtor in that behalfe, shall be discharged of so much of the sayd debt, forfeiture and arrearages, as so shall be satisfied, and for the residue onely, shall be ratably according to their abilities charged, any thing in this Act, or in any other Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that the sayd Act of the thirteenth yere, or this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to give any power or authoritie to make sale, conveyance or assurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments of the Master and Lieutenant of the Ordinance, Master of the horse, Master of the armorie, the generall receiver of the Duchie of Lancaster, and of the Wards and Liveries, Treasurer of the Chamber, Master of the Jewell house, Cofferer of the Poucholde of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successours, Treasurers of warres or garrisons, Treasurer to the Maute, Treasurers or Receivers of any summes of money for victuall, or fortifications, or for buildings, or Master of the Wardrobe, for any debt to be adjudged or known as is aforesaid, concerning their, or any of their offices mentioned in this branch, unlesse the Queenes Maiesty, her heires and successours, upon, or after their debt known, or account determined (all his or their due portions to them upon the same accounts being allowed) require or command, by, or under the great Seale or privie Seale, present payment thereof, or otherwise estloones require a new account of the same debt, so let or remaining in any the accounts mentioned in this branch. And that then the same debt or any part thereof shall be found to be owing or unpended in the matters or charges pertaining to any of their said offices or charges mentioned in this branch, and the same debt remaine unpayed by the space of one whole yere after such request or commandement.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that this Acte or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the sale, assurance or conveyance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments as is aforesaid, unlesse the debt of such officer, accountant or debtor, doe exceede the summe of three hundred pounds, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it likewise enacted, that this Act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to make any sale, conveyance or assurance of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments descended, or which hereafter shall descend to any heire or heires within the age of one and twenty yeres, so long as such heire or heires shall be within the age of one and twenty yeres. And yet neverthelesse, after such time as any such heire or heires shall accomplish his or their full age of one and twenty yeres, and after two yeres expired after such full age, it shall & may be lawfull to, and for our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, to make sale, assurance and conveyance of such manours, landes, tenements and hereditaments so to him and them descended, in such sort, order, maner and forme to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if such heire or heires had bene of full age at the time of the account finished and determined, or debt known of any such officer, debtor or accountant.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that befoze such time, as any the manours, landes, tenements



tenements or hereditaments, which any such officer, accomptant or debtor, shall bona fide, and for valuable consideration, sell, convey, or assure to any person or persons, shall be by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours sold, conveyed or assured, as is aforesaid, a Scire facias shall be awarded out of her Maiesties Court of Exchequer unto the Sherriffe of the Countie, where any such manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be sold for the said debt do lie, generally to garnish, summon, or warn any of the Certenants upon any part of the said manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments, to shew cause why the said Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, should not be put to sale for satisfaction of the debt of her Maiestie, her heires or successours: Whereupon if the Certenant upon such garnishment or warning returned, shall make default, or shall appeare, and do not within two yerres next after such returne, sufficiently proue in the said court of Exchequer, that the officers, accomptants or debtors (if he or they be then living) haue sufficient lands, tenements or hereditaments, to answer upon sale thereof to be made, by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, by force of this Acte the said debt or farme, or sufficient goods or chattels, liable and subiect to the payment of such debt or farme, or if he or they be dead, that the executors or administrators of such officers, accomptants or debtors haue sufficient goods, or chattels liable and subiect as aforesaid, or the heire of such Officer accomptant or debtor, haue sufficient Lands, tenements and hereditaments liable to answer upon sale thereof to be made, by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours by force of this Act, the same debt or farme, or whereby the said debt and farme, shall or may be fully and duly satisfied: That then after two yerres and x. moneths next after such returne, such and so much of the Mannors, lands, tenements & hereditaments which any such Officer, debtor or person accomptable, haue, or at any time hereafter shall haue, after he became, or shall become any such Officer, debtor or person accomptable, or which otherwise are to be sold, by the true intent and meaning of the said Act made in the thirteenth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall suffice for the satisfaction of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, of his, or their debt or duetie, shall be sold by her Maiestie, her heires or successours, and the money thereof comming to dispose according to the true intent and meaning of this Acte.

Provided also, and bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that in such cases where any accompt hath bene, or shall be made, or any debts haue bene, or shall be knownen in the Courts of Wards, and Liveries, and Duchie of Lancaster, or in either of them, Then before such time as any the Mannors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, which any such Officer, accomptant or debtor, shall bona fide, for valuable consideration, sell, convey, or assure to any person or persons, shall be by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, sold, conveyed and assured, as is aforesaid, Such proccesse shall be awarded, as is hereafter expessed: To wit, a summons or garnishment with proclamation, shall be awarded to the Sherriffe of the Countie where any such manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, so to be sold for the said debt do lie, generally to garnish, summon or warne, any of the Certenants thereof, by open publication or proclamation to be made, either upon some part of the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, or in some market Towne next adjoining in the same Countie xx. dayes at the least, before the returne thereof, to shew cause why the same Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, should not be put to sale, for satisfaction of the debt of her Maiestie, her heires, or successours, whereupon if the Certenants upon such garnishment or warning returned, shall make default, or shall appeare, and do not within two yerres next after such returne, make such sufficient proove as aforesaid, as by the order and decree of either of the same Courts shall be allowed in that behalf, That then all things shall be done and executed for the sale of the same Mannors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, and for the full satisfaction of the same debt or ferme, in like, and in as large and ample maner and forme, to all intents and purposes, as before in this Act is limited and appointed in cases where default is made, or appearance, and no cause and proove as aforesaid made, upon a Scire facias awarded out of the said court of Exchequer.

Provided alwayes that if the Certenant or Certenants shall proue in the said Courtes of Exchequer, Wards and Liveries, and Duchie as is aforesaid, within two yerres next after such returne and returnes aforesaid, that the said officer, debtor, or accomptant hath Mannors, lands, tenements, or hereditaments liable and subiect to the sale of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, by force of this Acte, but not sufficient upon sale thereof by vertue of this Act, to answer and satisfie the debt and duetie of the said Officer, debtor, or person accomptable: Or that the executors or administrators of the said officer accomptant or debtor (if hee be then dead) haue goods or chattels liable and subiect to the payment of the debt or farme of the officer, debtor or accomptant, but not sufficient upon the sale thereof for the full satisfaction of the said debt or farme: Or that the heire of such officer, accomptant or debtor by force of this Act, but not sufficient upon sale thereof by vertue of this Act for the full & due satisfaction of the said debt or ferme, That then the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, shall first make sale as aforesaid, of all the Mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said officer, debtor, or person accomptable, and seise and take into her and their hands, all the said goods and chattels. And if the same be not sufficient upon sale thereof by force of this Act, to answer and satisfie the said debts or ferme, then to make sale of the Mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments so descended to the said heire, for, and towards the satisfaction of the residue of the said debt. And if neither the said Lands, goods and chattels of the said accomptant, officer or debtor, or of his executors or administrators, nor the said Lands, tenements or hereditaments so descended

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to the said heire, be sufficient to answeare and satisfie the full and due debt; Then such and so much of the Mannours, lands, tenements and hereditaments which any such officer, debtoꝝ oꝝ person accomptant had oꝝ at any time hereafter shall haue, after hee became oꝝ shall become any such officer, debtoꝝ oꝝ person accomptant, shall be solde by the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours as aforesaid, as shall suffice to make a full satisfaction of the residue of his oꝝ their whole and entire debt and duties. And the surplus (if any be) to be disposed as aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this present Act.

Provided alwayes that every such tertenant clayming by purchase from any such officer, accomptant oꝝ debtoꝝ, oꝝ his heires, oꝝ from, by, oꝝ vnder any purchaser, from such officer, accomptant oꝝ debtoꝝ, whose lands shall happen to be sold by vertue of this Act, shall haue ratably contribution for his and their charges, damages & losses, of and against every other person oꝝ persons that shal purchase, oꝝ shall claime firs, by, oꝝ vnder any purchaser of any lands, tenements, oꝝ hereditaments of such officer, accomptant oꝝ debtoꝝ liable to any sale to be made by vertue of this Act. And if any such person oꝝ persons shall refuse to make and yeld a reasonable contribution to the party and parties whose lands are sold as aforesaid, that then vpon complaint thereof made to the Barons of the Exchequer, they shal and may by vertue of this Act, award pꝛocesse of seisure and extent in her Maiesties name, vpon the landes, tenements and hereditaments of every such person oꝝ persons as shall so refuse to yeld a reasonable contribution. And the same landes so seised and extended shall and may by vertue of this Act, without other warrant, assigne and commit to the said person oꝝ persons, their heires, executors, oꝝ administrators, that ought to haue contribution by the true meaning of this Act, vntill such time as he oꝝ they shalbe satisfied of so much money for contribution of his and their damages, losses, charges and expences as shalbe rated, taxed and assessed by the said Barons of the Exchequer, for the time being.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that every such Scire facias, so to be awarded, and the returne thereof, shalbe entred of Record in the Court of Exchequer. And every such pꝛocesse of Summons, and garnishment with proclamation and the returne thereof, so to be awarded out of every the saide seuerall Courts of Marshes & Liberties, and Duchie of Lancaster, and the seuerall returnes thereof, shalbe entred into the booke of decrees of the said courts, out of which such pꝛoces shalbe awarded. And pꝛ every person & persons to whom the Q. Maiesty, her heires oꝝ successours shal make sale of any manors, lands, tenements oꝝ hereditaments of any such officer, accomptant oꝝ debtoꝝ, shal oꝝ may haue exemplified the seuerall pꝛoces aforesaid, & the returne oꝝ returnes thereupon vnder the great Seale of England, & that aswel the said inrolment & entries aforesaid of the saide pꝛocesse, & the returnes thereupon, as the said exemplifications shalbe of as good force and validitie in the Law, to all intents and purposes as if the said pꝛocesse & returnes thereupon were extant, remaining and sufficient. And to the intent such manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments as are liable to sale by the Queenes Maiestie her heires & successours, by force of this Act may be sold according to the value thereof, for the moze speedy payment, of the debts & duties due to her highnes her heires and successours, & for the benefit of the person oꝝ persons whose lands shalbe sold, It is enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person oꝝ persons, other then the officer, debtoꝝ oꝝ accomptant aforesaid, whose lands, tenements oꝝ hereditaments are oꝝ shalbe liable to be sold by force of this Act, do oꝝ shall at any time within the said two yerres and x. moneths after such returne as aforesaid procure any other able & sufficient person oꝝ persons to purchase oꝝ buy the same at such price & value as the same lands, tenements oꝝ hereditaments at that time shalbe reasonably worth to be sold. Then vpon payment & satisfaction to be made to the Q. Maiestie her heires and successours, of the value of the said landes, tenements oꝝ hereditaments so to be sold, our saide Soueraigne Lady, her heires & successours by letters patents vnder the great Seale of England, wil be pleased to sell such lands, tenements, and hereditaments to such person oꝝ persons before any other, as wil purchase and buy the same by the meanes and procurement of him oꝝ them whose lands, tenements and hereditaments shalbe sold as aforesaid.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that al & every person and persons, whose manors, lands, tenements oꝝ hereditaments, shalbe liable and subiect to be sold by force of this Act vpon pꝛoces to be awarded out of pꝛ Court of Exchequer & other the Courts aforesaid, shal bring and shew into the said Courts, all such evidences, concerning the said manors, landes, tenements & hereditaments liable and subiect to be sold as aforesaid, being in his oꝝ their custody oꝝ possession, oꝝ in the custody oꝝ possession of any other by his deliuey, consent oꝝ appointment, to the intent the state oꝝ title of and in the said manors, landes, tenements & hereditaments may be knownen, to the ende the better and moze auailable sale thereof may be made, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

And it is also the true intent of this Act, & of the said statute of the xiii. yeere of the Queenes reigne, That if any person oꝝ persons, whose lands, tenements & hereditaments are, oꝝ shalbe liable, and subiect to be solde by vertue of this Act, oꝝ the said Act of the xiii. haue sufficient manors, lands, tenements, oꝝ hereditaments, ouer and beside his chiefe mansion house, & demesnes belonging thereunto, to satisfie the debts & duties of her Maiestie, her heires and successours, and do procure the same to be bought oꝝ purchased for so much money, as wil satisfie the said debts & duties, within the said seuerall time and times, before limited and appointed for the said Lands, tenements, and hereditaments, to be sold as aforesaid, and do satisfie the said debts and duties accordingly, That then his and their saide chiefe mansion house and demesnes thereunto belonging, shall nor be sold by her Maiestie, her heires and successours, by force of this Act, oꝝ of the said statute of the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne.

Provided alwayes that this Act shall endure only to the end of the next Session of the next Parliament ensuing.



Anno xxxix. Regine Elizabethæ. Chap. viij. ix. x.

¶ An Act concerning the confirmation and establishment of the deprivation of diuers Bishops and Deanes in the beginning of her Maiesties reigne. Chap. viij.

**W**hereas diuers and sundry persons exercising the office and function of Bishops and Deanes, of diuers Sees and bishopricks and deaneries, within this Realme in the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, were before the tenth day of November, in the fourth yere of the most happy and blessed government of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that now is, lawfully and lawfully deprived from such Bishopricks, and Deaneries, as they severally entored and tooke upon them to holde, and in their steads and places sundry excellent and worthy men duly preferred to the same: And whereas the parties so deprived, did notwithstanding, as it is pretended, make secret Appeals, and used other secret meanes, pretending thereby to support the continuance of their said offices and functions:

Be it therefore declared and enacted, by authority of this present Parliament, that all and every deprivation and depriuations, and all and every sentence and sentences of deprivation whatsoever, had, pronounced, or giued, at any time betwene the beginning of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, that now is, and the tenth day of November in the fourth yere of the same, against any person or persons, which was, or tooke upon himselfe the Archbishop or bishop of any See or bishopricke, or Deane of any deanerie within this Realme, or any the Dominions thereof in the reigne of the said late Queene Mary, from such See or bishopricke, be adiudged, deemed, and taken good and sufficient in Lawe to all intents and purposes, and so shall remaine and continue: any Appeals, exception, or other matter or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all such Archbishops, and bishops, and deanes, as were ordeined or made by the authority or licence of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, at any time betwene the beginning of her Reigne, & the said tenth day of November in the fourth yere of her Maiesties reigne, shalbe taken and adiudged to be lawfull Archbishop, or bishop of the See or bishopricke, and deane of the deanerie unto the which he was so preferred, assigned, or appointed: And that the same See of Archbishopricke, or bishopricke, and deanerie, unto which he was so preferred, assigned, or appointed, shalbe deemed and adiudged to be merely voyde to all respects and purposes before such preferment, appointment, or assignement so made as aforesaid: Any ambiguity or question in that behalfe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for the taking away of Clergie from offenders against a certaine Statute made in the third yere of the Reigne of King Henry the seuenth, concerning the taking away of women against their willes unlawfully. Chap. ix.

**W**hereas of late times diuers women as well maydens as widowes, and wives hauing substance, some in goods moueable, and some in landes and tenements, and some being heiresses apparant to their Ancestours, for the lucre of such substance, bene often times taken by misdoers, contrary to their will, and after married to such misdoers, or to other by their assent, or deiled, to the great displeasure of God, and contrary to your highnes lawes, and disparagement of the said women, and great heauinesse & discomfort of their friends, and ill example of others, which offences, albeit the same bee made felonie by a certaine Act of Parliament made in the thirde yere of King Henry the seuenth: Yet so far as much as Clergie hath bene heretofore allowed to such offenders, diuers persons haue attempted and committed the said offences in hope of life by the benefit of Clergie: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that all and every such person and persons as at any time after the end of this present Session of Parliament, shalbe convicted or attainted, or for any offence to be committed after the end of this present Session of Parliament, made felony by the said Act of the third yere of the reigne of King Henry the seuenth, or which shalbe indicted and arreigned of or for any such offence, and stand mute or make no direct answer, or shall challenge peremptorily about the number of twentie, shall in every such case, lose his and their benefite of Clergie, and shall suffer paines of death without any benefite of Clergie: Any former lawe to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extende to take away the benefite of Clergie, but onely from such person and persons as hereafter shall bee principals or procurers or accessaries before such offence committed.

¶ An Act for the increase of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation, repealing a former Act made in the xxij. yere of her Maiesties reigne, bearing the same Title. Chap. x.

**W**here at the Parliament holden by prorogation the xvi. day of January, in the xlii. yere of the reigne of our most gracious Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, An Act was made (intituled, An Act for the increase of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation) whereby among other things, it was enacted, that it should not be lawfull to any native Englishman, woman, or Denizen, at any time, after a time limited in the same Act,

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Act, directly, or indirectly, by themselves, their seruantes, factozs, agents, deputies, or friends, or any of them whatsoeuer, to goe or send into any other foireine countrey, realme, or dominion whatsoeuer, for the buying, prouiding, or bringing into this Realme, out, or from any the said foireine Realmes, or dominions, out of the Queenes obey-  
 sance, of any salted fish, or salted herrings, nor should make any agreement with any Alien, or stranger, or any other for such bringing into this Realme, by any Alien, or stranger, of any salted fish, or salted herrings, and that no salted fish, nor salted herrings, should be brought hither out of the said foireine Realmes, and dominions, but by the merre owners thereof, or deputies of them, being Aliens and strangers, without the procurement of any subiect of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successors, or of any denizen, and by none other person, or persons, vpon paine that such English person, or denizen offending against that Act, should forfeit the same salted herrings, and salted fish, or the value thereof, with diuers others clauses, and branches in the same statute conceived, touching the bringing of fish into this Realme, and the buying and selling of fish, as by the same Acte at large appeareth, vpon the making of which Act it was hoped, and expected, that the fishermen of this Realme, would in such sort haue imployed them-  
 selves to fishing, and to the building and preparing of such floze of boates, and shipping for that purpose, as that they should long ere this time, haue bene able sufficiently to haue victualled this Realme with salted fish, and Herrings of their owne taking, without any supply of Aliens and strangers, to the great increafe of Mariners, and mainte-  
 nance of the Navigation within this Realme, notwithstanding it is since founde by experience, that the Naviga-  
 tion of this land is no whit bettered by meanes of that Acte, nor any Mariners increased, nor like to be increased by it. But contrarywise, the naturall Subiects of this Realme, being not able to furnish the tenth part of the same with salted fish of their owne taking, The chiefe prouision and victualling thereof with fish and herrings, hath ever since the making of the same Statute, bene in the power and disposition of Aliens and strangers, who thereby haue much enriched themselves, greatly increased their Navigation, and (taking advantage of the time) haue extremely inhaunled the prices of that victuall, to the great hurt and impouering of the native Subiects of this Realme, and yet doe serue the Parkers heere in very euill sort by little and little, housing and keeping their fish, as well on this shore, as beyonde the Seas, till the prices bee raysed to their liking, And the Merchants of this Realme, hauing bene wholly barred in their trades of prouiding of fish for the seruice thereof, The Navigation of this Realme, which was intended to be augmented, hath bene rather impaired then increased thereby, and the prices of fish greatly inhaunled, to the great and generall preiudice of the Subiects: For remedie whereof, and for that it is lawfull as well to strangers and Aliens, as to the Subiects of this Realme, to cary out into foireine parts and dominions, such salted fish and herrings, as are taken and prouided by the Subiects of this Realme, And there-  
 fore very vnequall, that the native Subiects of this land, should not bee at libertie to bring in also foireine prouision of fish, for the victualling of their owne Countrey, as well as to cary out, but that the stranger should be wholly trusted therewith:

Bee it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That the same statute made in the said xxiiij. yere of her Maiesties most gracious reigne, and euery clause, branch, article, and prouiso thereof, and all the penalties and forfeitures therein conteyned, shall from hencefoorth be clearely repealed, boyde, frustrate, and of none effect, to all intenes, constructions and purposes, as if the same had neuer bene had ne made, Any thing in the same Act conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spiritual and tempozall, and com-  
 mons in this present parliament assembled, that it shall and may be lawfull for all and euery her Maiesties subiects being owners of any ships, barkes, or vessels sailing with crosse sailes, to receiue & take into their said ships, barkes, or vessels, any herrings, or other fish, which any Alien or stranger shall buy and prouide of any her Maiesties sub-  
 iects within this Realme, And the same Herrings and fish, or any of them may transport into any parts beyonde the Seas, being in league or amitie with her Maiestie, in their said ships or vessels with crosse sailes, So as the said A-  
 liens or strangers pay to her Maiestie, her Customes and duties for the same, in such sort, as by the same former Act was limited and appointed.

And be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all aliens & strangers shal from hencefoorth, & from time to time pay to her Maiestie, for all salted fish, and salted herrings to be brought into this Realme, al such like Customes, and impositions, as are or shalbe imposed and set vpon any her Maiesties subiects, in those foireine regions & countreis, portes, and towne, from whence the said salted fish, and salted herrings shalbe shipped and brought for the like fishes and herrings, out and beynde the ordinary Customes, which haue bene paid to her Maiestie for the same, in maner and forme, as by the same Act was enacted and appointed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any alien, or stranger bozne, or any denizen, or naturall bozne subiect of this realme, shall bring into any haven, port, creeke, or towne of this realme any salt fish, or salt her-  
 rings, which shall not be good, sweete, seasonable, and meete for mens meate, and shall offer the same to be sold, and shalbe warned by any Officer of such port, haven or towne, where the same shalbe offered to be sold, that the same be not seasonable nor meet for mens meate, That then if he or they shall after that, offer any of the said vnseasonable fish to be sold to any person within this realme, or being an alien bozne, and no denizen, shal not depart with the same from the said haven, port, or towne, so soone as convenientie will serue, That then all and euery person, owners thereof, shall



shall lose & forfeit to our said Soueraigne Lady, all the said vnreasonable fish vnmeet for mens meat, as before is said.

And be it likewise enacted, that all ordinances of the Fishmongers of London, or of any other Company, or corporation whatsoever, made, or to be made, for restraint of any person to take or sell fish, or to buy or provide any fish of any Merchant, or other within this Realme, shalbe repealed and void, And that every person, or body corporate, that shall make or execute any such Ordinance or restraint, shall for every such offence forfeit one hundred pounds, the one moitie thereof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, and the other moitie to the partie grieved, that will sue for the same, by Action of debt, in any Court of Record, wherein no essoine, protection or wager of Law for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, that this Act shal no longer endure, then to the end of the next Parliament hereafter ensuing.

¶ An Act for the better execution of the Statute made in the xxij. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne for the abolishing of Logwood, alias Blockwood, in the dying of Cloth, Wooll, or Yarne. Chap. xj.

**W**hereas by an estatute lately made in the xxiii. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, it was among other things enacted, that no person should die or cause to be died any Cloth, wooll, or other things there mentioned, with any stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, vpon such penalcie, as in the said statute is mentioned, since the making of which statute, sundry evil disposed persons haue sought to defraud the true meaning of the said statute, and to avoid the penaltie therein contained, by cunning vsing or mixing the saide Logwood, alias Blockwood, together with Wood or other stuffe, which is not only contrary to the true meaning of the said former Acte, and to the great deceit of her Maiesties louing subiects, but also to the discredit of the trade of clothing, especially in forreine countreys, where heretofore English clothes haue bene had in good account and reckoning, for redress of which fraud, and to the intent the said practise may hereafter be the better discovered (which being closely and secretly done by the offenders, wil otherwise hardly be found out) and that the saide practise, according to the true intent and meaning of the said former statute, be henceforth utterly abolished:

Be it therefore ordeined & enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any person shalbe so suspected to offend, then any Justice or Justices of peace of the same Countie, where the said supposed offender shal dwell, if he dwell out of a corporate towne or citie, and if he dwell within any corporate towne or citie, then the Maior, bailiffe, or other head Officer being a Justice of Peace of such corporate towne or Citie, where such supposed offender shal dwell, vpon notice and Information to him or them giuen in that behalfe, shall by authoritie of this Acte, by his or their warrant, or other commandement, cause to come before him or them, the seruants and workemen of such supposed offenders, and other persons able to disclose the said deceit, and them to examine by their oth or otherwise, And if vpon the same examination they shall finde any person or persons, after the first day of February next ensuing, to haue vsed, or caused to be vsed, in the dying or colouring of any Cloth, wooll, yarne, grogerain, buffins, or silk, or any thing made of woollen yarne or silke, any Logwood, alias Blockwood, or now or heretofore reputed and taken for Logwood, alias Blockwood, that then the saide Justice or Justice, Maior, bailiffe, or other head officer, being a Justice of Peace, shall not onely binde with suretie all such person or persons, whom they shall finde so suspected to haue offended, and such others as may discover the same offence, to the next quarter Sessions or gaole deliuery, which shall happen to be holden for that Countie, citie, or towne corporate, But also to certifie all such examinations and depositions, as tend to the finding out of the said offences, at the said gaole deliuery or quarter Sessions: And also if any such person so suspected to haue offended, vpon examination aforesaid, shall refuse to be bound as aforesaid, then the said person or persons so refusing, to be committed to the next gaole, there to remaine, till he, she, or they, shall so become bound with sureties, And that the said Justice of Assise, or Justices of peace, at such gaole deliuery or quarter Sessions, shall haue authoritie by this Acte, to Indict and try the offenders, by the usual course of Indictments and trials in like cases. And after such conuiction to adiudge the saide offenders to be set openly on the pillory, in the said Citie or market towne where the same offence shalbe committed, And if it shall not bee in any Market towne, then in the next Market towne adioyning, in the same Countie, there to continue, by all the time of the Market, one or more dayes by their discretion, for every such offence: And further that every such offender, beside his said corporall punishment, shall forfeit for every such offence, the summe of xx. li. The one moitie of which summe of money, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other moitie, to him that will sue for the same, by Action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any court of Record. In which suite no Essoine, protection, wager of Lawe, nor writ of privilege for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed, And the partie offending, being thereof conuicted, to remaine in prison without Baile or Pannypile, till he haue satisfied the same.

¶ An Act for the explanation of the Statute made in the fift yere of her Maiesties reigne, concerning Labourers. Chap. xij.

**W**hereas by an Acte made in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fift yere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, Intituled, An Acte touching diuers orders for Artificers, Labourers, seruants

Servants of Husbandry and apprentices, It was provided and enacted by the authoritie of the saide Parliament, for the declaration and limitation what wages servants, labourers, and artificers, either by the yere or day or otherwise should have and receive: That the Justices of peace of every shire, riding, or libertie within the limits of their severall Commissions or the more part of them being then resident within the same, and the shiriffe of that Countie if he conveniently may, and every Shalve, bailiffe, or other head officer within any citie or towne corporate, wherein is any Justice of Peace within the limits of the said Citie or towne corporate and of the said Corporation, should before the rent day of June next comming, and afterwards should yerely at every general Sessions first to be holden and kept after Easter, or at some time convenient within five weekes next following every of the said feasts of Easter assemble themselves together, and they (so assembled) calling unto them such discrete and graue persons of the said Countie, or of the said citie or towne corporate, as they shall thinke meet, and conferring together, respecting the plentie or scarcitie of the time, and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should have authoritie by vertue hereof within the limits and precincts of their severall Commissions, to limit, rate and appoint the wages, aswell of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicraftsmen, Husbandmen, or any other Laborer, servant or workman, whose wages in time past hath bene by any Law or statute rated and appointed, And also the wages of all other labourers, artificers, workmen, or apprentices of Husbandry, which have not bene rated, as they the same Justices, Shalves, or head officers, within their severall commissions or liberties, should thinke meete by their discretions to be rated, limited or appointed by the yere or by the day, weeke, moneth, or otherwise with meat and drinke, or without meat and drinke, and what wages every workman or labourer should take by the great for mowing, reaping or threshing of coyne and graine, and for mowing and making of hey, or for ditching, paling, railing, or hedging, by the rod, perch, lugg, yard, pole, rope or foot, and for any other kinde of reasonable labours or service, and should yerely before the xii. day of July next after the said assessement and rates so appointed and made, certifie the same ingrossed in parchment with the considerations and causes thereof, vnder their handes and seales into the Queenes most honourable court of Chancerie, to the end that Proclamation should bee made in the name of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, for the obseruing of the same rates in such sort, manner and forme as in the said Acte more at large is declared: And whereas the said Act hath not according to the true meaning thereof bene duly put in execution, whereby the rates of wages for poore artificers, labourers and other persons, whose wages was meant to bee rated by the said Acte, have not bene rated and proportioned according to the plentie, scarcitie, necessitie and respect of the time, which was politicely intended by the said Acte: By reason ambiguitie and question haue risen and bene made, whether the rating of all manner artificers, workmen, and workwomen, his or their wages other then such as by some statute and law haue bene rated, or els such as did worke about Husbandry, so far as much as the saide lawe hath bene found beneficiall for the common wealth:

Be it enacted, that the said statute, and the authoritie by the same statute giuen to any person or persons for assessement and rating of wages, and the authoritie to them in the said Act committed, shalbe expounded and construed, and shall by force of this Acte giue authoritie to all persons hauing any such authoritie to rate wages of any Labourers, weavers, spinners and workmen or workwomen whatsoeuer, either working by the day, weeke, moneth, yere, or taking any worke at any person or persons hand whatsoeuer, to be done. And whereas in diuers shires within this Realme, the Justices of Peace haue not vsually kept their generall Sessions in one place of the shire together, but the generall Sessions haue bene kept in severall places for severall diuisions, By reason whereof the most part of the Justices of the Peace comming not together, nor rating of wages could well bee made in the said shire where such generall Sessions haue bene vled: Be it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the most Justices of Peace, or the more part of them resident in such diuision in any shire within this Realme, where such Sessions haue bene vsually seuerally kept, shall at the same Sessions, or at such time of rating of wages, as is limited by the said Act made in the fift yere of her Maiesties reigne, haue as full authoritie and power to rate all manner of wages to be rated within the limits of such diuision in any such shire, as if the same were done in the general Sessions for the said Countie, or by the most part of the Justices meeting for the rating of wages by the said Act. And be it further enacted, that after the rates made for wages, and ingrossed in parchment vnder their handes and seales of them hauing authoritie to rate the same, it shal and may be lawful to the shiriffe of the said Countie, or to the Shalve or chiefe officer or officers of any citie or towne corporate, to cause Proclamation to be made of the seuerall rates so rated, in so many places within their authorities as to them shall seeme convenient, and as if the same had bene sent downe Printed by the Lord Chancelor or Keeper, after declaration thereof to her Maiestie, and certificate of the same into the Queenes most honourable court of Chancerie, and that every person and persons shal bee bound to obserue the said rates in giuing and receiuing wages, vpon the paines and punishments mentioned in the said Acte, and to bee recovered or punishment inflicted, as in the said Act is mentioned.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons shall incurre any danger or penaltie, for not making certificate into the Queenes most honourable court of the Chancerie, of any rates of wages appointed to bee certified by the said Act made in the said fift yere of the Queene. But the said Rates ingrossed in parchment & sealed as aforesaid, shall if the same be in any shire be kept by the Custos Rotulorum of the said Countie, amongst the Records in his custody for the saide shire: And in any citie or towne corporate, amongst the Records of the saide citie or towne corporate: This Act to continue till the ende of one yere next after the next Session of Parliament.



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¶ An explanation of an Act made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth for Fullians. Chap. xiiij.

**W**heras by an Acte made in the eleuenth yeere of King Henry the seuenth, the Maior and wardens of Shere-men of the citie of London for the time being, should haue authoritie to enter and search the workshop of all maner of persons occupping the broad shere, as well fullians as cloth, and the execution of the saide Acte, for vsing any instruments of iron, or other vntreue subtil meane or sleight in dressing the sayne: since which time, for that the Lorde Maior of London cannot conueniently goe in his owne person to make the saide search, by reason of his other weightie occasions, diuers haue resisted the Wardens of the Shere-men going abroad in offering to make search, according to the said lawe, and for want of due and dayly search in that behalfe, diuers haue of late dayes put in vze the iron instruments, and other sleighes forbidden by the said recited Act, to the great deceit of her Maiesties people, amongst whom the wearing of fullians is lately growen to more vse, as may seme, then euer it was beforetime: Which company of Shere-men, together with the company of Fullers, were since the saide Acte, made one company by the name of Clothworkers, and so no such search can be duely made: For remedy hereof,

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the consent of the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawfull to, and for the said Lorde Maior of the citie of London, or his sufficient deputy, and to, and for the master and wardens of the said misterie of Clothworkers of London, or such discrete persons as the said master and wardens of the said misterie of clothworkers for the time being, shall from time to time appoint, to enter and make search, as the said Maior of London, and wardens of Shere-men might haue done together by the said Act, in the said xi. yeere of K. Henry the 7. vnder paine that the person, or persons, which shall make resistance here-in, shall forfeit for euery such resistance xx. s. of lawfull mohey of England, The one halfe to her Maiestie, And the other halfe to him or them that will sue for the same, by Action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any of the Courts of Record, where the same may be determined, after the course of the common Law, And that the defendant in such case in no wise be admitted to wage his Law, nor that any protection, or essoine be in the same allowable;

¶ An Acte prohibiting the bringing into this Realme of any forraine Cardes for Wooll. Chap. xliij.

**W**here many thousands of wollen Cardmakers and cardwiewdrazers of the cities of London, Bristol, Gloucester, Norwich, Couentrie, and many other her highnes cities, & towne within this Realme, haue heretofore liued and well maintained themselves, their wiues, families, and children, by the benefit and vse of their trade and facultie of cardmaking and drawing of Cardwiew, within this Realme, And now of late time, by reason of the common bringing in of forren Cardes for Wooll out of France, & other forren parts, the sayd Cardmakers and Cardwiewdrazers, haue bene so much impouerished, that scant the twentieth person, that heretofore liued by the sayd trades, is now maintained and set on worke thereby:

Be it enacted by our Souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and by the Lordes Spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that no person or persons whatsoever, from, or after the feast day of the Purification of the blessed Virgine S. Marie, now next ensuing, shall bring, send or conuey, or cause to be brought, sent or conueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, from the parts beyond the seas, any Cardes for wooll to be sold, bartered or exchanged within the realme of England or Wales, vpon paine to forfeit all such Cardes for wooll, so to be brought, sent or conueyed, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, in whose hands soeuer they or any of them shall be found, or the very value thereof, the one halfe whereof to be to our sayd Souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other moitie thereof to him or them that will seise the same or sue therefore, in any Court of Record of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Information, or other wise, in which Actions, Sutes, Plaints or Informations, no wager of law, essoine or protection shall be allowed: This Acte to endure vnto the end of the first Session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Act that no person robbing any house in the day time, although no person be therein, shall be admitted to haue the benefit of his Clergie. Chap. xv.

**W**heras of late yeeres diuers leud and felonious persons vnderstanding that the penalty of the robbing of houses in the day time (no person being in the house at the time of the robbery) is not so penall, as to commit or do a robbery in any house, any person being therein at the time of the robbery, which hath and doth embolden diuers leud persons to watch their opportunitie and time to commit and doe many hainous robberies, in breaking and entering diuers honest persons houses, and especially of the poozer sort of people, who by reason of their pouerty are not able to keepe any seruant, or otherwise to leaue any body to looke to their house; when they goe abroad to heare Diuine seruice, or from home to follow their laboz to get their liuing, which is to the hinderance and losse of good subiects, and the vntreue impouerishing of many pooze widowes, sole women, and other people:

Be it therefore enacted by our Souereigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall,

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Temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, that if any person or persons after the ende of this present Session of Parliament shalbe found guiltie, and convicted by verdict, confession or otherwise, according to the Lawes of this Realme, for the felonious taking away after the feast of Easter now next ensuing in the day time, of any money, goods or cattell, being of the value of five shilling or by wardes, in any dwelling house or houses, or any part thereof, or any outhouse or outhouses belonging, & used to & with any dwelling house or houses, although no person shalbe in the said house or outhouses at the time of such felonie committed, then such person and persons shall not be admitted to the benefit of his or their Cleargie, but shalbe utterly excluded thereof.

¶ An Act to restraine the excessiue making of Mault. Chap.xvj.

**W**hereas greater quantitie of Mault is dayly made, then either in times past was or is now needfull: Be it enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that from time to time and at all times hereafter it shall and may be lawfull for the Iustices of Peace within this Realme in their open quarter Sessions, or the more part of them by their discretions, to suppress, discharge or restraine the superfluous and unnecessary number of Maultsters in part, or in the whole, and also to restraine such person and persons, as to their discretions shall seeme meete, from the buying of barley to convert into Mault in part or in all, for such time or times as to their discretions shall seeme meete, and if any person or persons shall refuse, disobey, or not performe such suppressing, discharging or restraint, or any order whatsoeuer the saide Iustices shall set downe touching the same, That then, and so often such person and persons being thereof duely convicted, before the saide Iustices, or any two of them, by the testimonie of two witness, or by his owne confession, shall be by the saide Iustices, committed to the common gaole of the countie, citie, or corporate towne, wherein the offence is committed, there to remaine without baille or mainprize, by the space of thre dayes, and from thence untill hee shall become bounden by recognizance in the summe of xl. pound, to be taken to the vse of her Maestie, before any Iustice of Peace to stand, to performe, and obey such suppressing, discharging or restraint taken by the saide Iustices as aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, that the saide Iustices of Peace, within any Countie of this Realme, shall not intromit or enter into any Citie, borough, or towne corporate, for execution of any article in this acte, Except he be a Iustice of Peace also in the said Citie, borough or towne corporate, But that it shall be lawfull to the Iustices of Peace, Sheriffs, bailiffes, and other head Officers of those Cities, boroughes, and townes corporate where they keepe Sessions, to proceed to the execution of this Acte, and every article thereof within the precincts of their liberties, at such time and times, and as often as to them shall seeme meete, in as large and ample maner, as the Iustices of Peace in any Countie may do.

Provided also, that it shall and may be lawfull, to and for every person and persons, which shall have of his owne any barley or coyne growing, or any Tiche coyne, or Rent coyne, reserved upon any lease or demise, to convert into Malt all or any such barley or coyne, Any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that no maner of person or persons shall deale, or meddle in the execution of this Acte, that vse to buy barley to convert to Malt, and to sell the same againe. This Act shall not endure or continue any longer time, but untill the end of the next Session of the next Parliament.

¶ An Acte against lewd and wandering persons, pretending themselves to be souldiers or Mariners. Chap.xvij.

**W**hereas divers lewd and licentious persons contemning both Lawes, Magistrates, and Religion, have of late dayes wandered by and downe in all parts of the Realme, under the name of souldiers and Partners, abusing the title of that honourable profession to countenance their wicked behaviours, and do continually assemble themselves weaponed in the high wayes and elsewhere in troupes, to the great terror and astonishment of her Maesties true subiects, the impeachment of her lawes, & the disturbance of the peace and tranquillitie of this realme: And whereas many hainous outrages, robberies and horrible murders are daily committed by these dissolute persons: And unlesse some speedy remedy bee had, many dangers are like by these meanes to ensue and growe towards the common wealth:

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all idle & wandering souldiers or mariners, or idle persons, which now are, or hereafter shalbe wandring, as souldiers or mariners, shal settle themselves in some service, labour, or other lawfull course of life without wandring, or otherwise repaire to the places where they were borne, or to their dwelling places, if they have any, & there remaine, betaking themselves to some lawfull trade or course of life, as aforesaid, upon paine that al persons offending contrary to this act, to be reputed as felons, and to suffer as in case of felonie, without any benefit of Clergie to be allowed. And be it further enacted, that every idle & wandering souldier or Mariner, which comming from his Captaine from the Seas, or from beyond the Seas, shall not have a testimoniall under the hand of some one Iustice of the Peace, of, or neere the place where he landed, setting downe therein the place & time, where and when he landed, and the place of his dwelling or birth, unto which he is to passe as aforesaid, and a convenient time therein limited for his passage, or having such testimonial, shall fully exceed the time therein limited, above fourteene dayes: And also aswel every such idle and wandering souldier



of Mariner, as every other idle person wandering, as souldier or Mariner, which shall at any time hereafter forge or counterfeit any such testimonial, or have with him or them any such testimonial forged, or counterfeited as aforesaid, knowing the same to be counterfeited or forged, in all these cases every such Act or actes to be felony, and the offenders to suffer as aforesaid, without any benefite of Clergie.

And be further enacted, that it shalbe lawful for the Justices of Assises, Justices of gaole deliverte, and Justices of Peace of every countie, and for all Justices of peace in towne corporate, having authoritie to heare and determine felonies, to heare and determine all such offences in their generall sessions, and to execute the offenders which shalbe convicted befoze them, as in cases of felony is accustomed: except some honest person valued at the last Subside next befoze the time, to ten pounds in goods, or forty shillings in lands, or els some honest freeholder, as by the said Justices shalbe allowed, will be contented befoze such Justices, as such person shall be arraigned of felony, to take him or them into his service for one whole yere then next following, and then befoze the saide Justices will be bound by recognizance of ten pounds to be levied of his lands, goods, tenements and chattels, to the use of our soveraigne Lady the Queene, if he keepe not the said person or persons for one whole yere, and bring him to the next sessions for the peace and gaole deliverty, next ensuing after the said yere, and if any such person retained depart with in the yere, without the licence of him that so retained him, then to be indicted, tried and judged as a felon, and not to have the benefite of the Clergie.

Provided also, that if any such idle and wandering person as aforesaid, shall happen to fall sicke by the way, so that by reason of his weaknes hee cannot trauaile to his journeyes ende within the time limited within his testimonial, no such to be within the danger of this statute, so as he settle himselfe in some lawful course of life as aforesaid, or repaire as aforesaid to the place whete he was borne, or was last abiding, within convenient tyme after the recovery of his sickness, & there remaine as aforesaid, any thing in this statute contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, & be it further enacted, that when any such souldier or Mariner, coming fro the seas or from beyond the seas, as aforesaid, shall repaire to a place of his dwelling or birth, according to the purpose of the said testimonial, & cannot of himselfe gett there any worke, whereby to employ himselfe to labour, or other lawful course of life, as aforesaid, that then in all such cases upon complaint made by such souldier or Mariner to two Justices of peace of the said county, of, or nere the said place, the said two Justices shal take order by their discretion, to let such souldier or Mariner to some such honest labour or worke as to them shalbe thought meete: And for want of such work, the said two Justices shall take the whole hundred by their discretion, for the reliefe of such souldier or Mariner, all such sufficient worke may be had.

Provided also, that if any such souldier or Mariner coming from the seas, or fro beyond the seas as aforesaid, shall not at the time of his landing, or in his trauaile to the place whereunto he is to repaire, as aforesaid, going the direct way, that then he resort to some Justice of peace, next adioyning to the said place of landing or way, & make known unto the said Justice his pouertie: who upon perfect notice thereof had, shall haue full power and authoritie by this present Act to licence the same souldier or Mariner to passe the next & direct way to the place where he is to repaire, and to licence him to much time only, as shalbe necessary for his trauaile thither: And that in such case his licence being so made, and he pursuing the forme of such his licence, shall and may for his necessary reliefe in his such trauaile, aske and take the reliefe that any person shall willingly giue him, and in such case, his such trauaile and taking of almes as aforesaid, shal not be taken an offence against this Lawe.

Provided also, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shal extend or be interpreted to make or work any corruption of blood in any heirs or heire, of any such offender or offenders, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted that this Act shall not take any force or effect, till forty dayes next after the end of this Session of Parliament, and shall continue to the ende of the Parliament next ensuing.

¶ An Act for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, perfecting, and repealing of diuers statutes. Chap. xvijj.

**W**here in the first Session of Parliament begun in the cite of London the third day of November in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our late soveraigne lord of famous memorie king Henry the 8. and from thence adioyned and proroged to the palace of Westminster, an act or statute was made, intituled, An act for the true making of cables ballers & ropes: And where in the Parliament holden upon prorogation at Westminster the xiii. day of February, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of the said king, there was one other act made, intituled, An act against the killing of young beastes called weanlings: And where in the session of parliament ended at Westminster the first day of February, in the fourth yere of the reigne of our late soveraigne lord king Edward the vi. One act was made concerning the buying and selling of Rother beastes and cattell: And also one other Acte was then and there likewise made, intituled, An act for the buying and selling of butter and cheese: And where also in the Parliament begun at Westminster the xxi. day of January, in the first yere of the reigne of the Queene's Maiestie that nowe is, & there continued by prorogation until the dissolution thereof, An act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the preservation of Spaune and fry of fish: And where also in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the twelfth day of January in the fifth yere of her Highnesse reigne, One Acte was then and there made, intituled, An Act for the maintenance and increas of Tillage: And one other Act was also then and there made, intituled, An act for the avoiding of diuers foireine wares made by handicrafts men beyonde the Seas: And one other

Act was likewise then, and there made, intituled, An Acte touching certaine politique constitutions made for the maintenance of the Paue: And where also in the last Session of Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the last day of September, in the eight yere of her Maiesties reigne, one Acte was then and there made, intituled, An act for Bowyers, and the prices of bowes: And where also in the Parliament begun & holden at Westminster, the second day of April, in the xiii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, there was one Act and statute made for the auoiding of some Leases in certaine cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions, with cure, intituled, An act touching Leases of benefices and other Ecclesiasticall livings with cure: And where also, there was then and there one other Act made, intituled, An act that puruepors may take graine, corne & victuals within five miles of Cambridge and Dreford in certaine cases: And also one other Act was then & there made, intituled, An act against usurie: And also, one other act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the continuance of making of Caps: And where in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the eight day of May, in the xiii. yere of her Highnesse reigne, there was one other act made, intituled, An act for the continuance, explanation, perfecting, and enlarging of diuers statutes: in which statutes are contained diuers branches, clauses and prouisions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers of the statutes heseof mentioned: And where also there was then and there one other act made, intituled, An act for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster aforesaid, in the xviii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, there was one other act made, intituled, An act for setting the poore on worke, and for the auoiding of idlenesse: And also one other act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the repairing and amending of the bridges and high wayes nere vnto the cite of Drenford: And where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the xvi. day of January, in the xxiii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, one act was made, intituled, An act for the repairing of Dover haue: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xxiii. day of Nouember, in the xxvii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, one other act was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers statutes, in which are contained diuers branches, prouisions and clauses touching and concerning certaine additions & alterations vnto and of diuers of the said former recited statutes, & other new prouisions: And where there was then and there one other act made, intituled, An acte against couenous & fraudulent conueyances: And then and there one other act was made, intituled, An act for the leuying of illies lost by Turoys: And also there was then & there one other act made, intituled, An acte for the good gouernment of the cite of borough of Westminster: And whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminster by prorogation, the fourth day of Nouember, in the second yere of the reigne of the late king of most famous memory king Edward the vi. one act was made, intituled, An act for the true making of mault, which said statute was discontinued: And by another act made in the said Parliament holden at Westminster in the said xxvii. yere of the Q. Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An act for the reuiuing of a former statute, for the true making of mault, was reuiued and continued, And also one other act was there made in the said xxvii. yere, intituled, An act for the keeping of the Seabanks and seaworkes in the countie of Norfolk, And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the iiii. day of February, in the xxvi. yere of the Q. Maiesties reigne y now is, there was an act made, intituled, An act for y true gauging of vessels broughe from beyond the seas, converted by Brewers for the utterance and sale of Ale and beere, And also one other act was then and there made, intituled, An act for reuiuing and enlarging of a statute made in the xxiii. yere of her Maiesties reigne, for the reliefe of the cite of Lincolne: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xix. day of February, in the xxxv. yere of the Q. Maiesties reigne that now is, there was an act made, intituled, An act to retein the Queenes Maiesties subiects in their due obedience, And also one other act was then and there made, intituled, An act for the necessary reliefe of souldiers and Mariners, And also one other act was then & there made, intituled, An act for y reformation of sundry abuses in clothes called Deuonshire kertes of dozens, according to a proclamation of the xxxiii. yere of the reigne of our souereigne Lady the Q. Maiesty that now is, And also one other act was then & there made, intituled, An act for the byngling in of clapboard from the parts of beyond the seas, & the restraining of transporting of wine caske, for the sparing & preseruing of timber within the realme, That forasmuch as the said act made in the sayd xiii. yere of the Q. Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An act against usurie, And one other act of the said acts made in the xxvii. yere of the Q. Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An act against couenous and fraudulent conueyances, And one other of the aforesaid acts made in the said xxvii. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, intituled, An acte for the leuying of illies lost by Turoys, are by prooffe and experience found to be very necessary and profitable for the Common wealth of this Realme: For which cause,

Be it enacted by the Q. most excellent Maiesty, with the assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the said three last recited seuerall acts, made in the said xiii. and in the xxvii. yeres of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, and euery of them, and al and euery the branches, clauses and prouisions in them, and euery of them contained, shal from henceforth be, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer. And forasmuch as the branches, clauses and prouisions contained and specified in the saide two seuerall Actes of continuance, made in the foureteenth and seven and twentieth yeres of her Maiesties Reigne, in addition, alteration, explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers of the sayde statutes, and other statutes, and all the residue of the saide recited Actes and statutes, Except the saide three seuerall statutes before, hereby made perpetuall, and except also the saide acte made, intituled, An acte for the auoyding of



of diuers forren wares made by handicrafts men beyond the Seas, and the sayd Act made, intituled, An Act touching politike constitutions, made for the maintenance of the Maie, and the estate, intituled, An Act for maintenance and increase of tillage, made in the fift yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, the sayd Act made for the continuance of making of caps, in the sayd xiii. yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, the Act made in the xiiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent, the Act made in the xviii. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, intituled, An Act for setting of poore on worke, and for the auoiding of idlenesse, and the sayd Act made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, and the sayd Acte made for the necessary reliefe of Souldiers and Partners, doe seeme good and beneficiall to the weale and profit of this Realme,

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd branches, clauses and provisions of the sayd two Acts of Continuance, and the residue of the sayd recited Statutes and Acts, except before excepted, and euery of them, shalbe by authoritie of this present Parliament, reuiued, continued, and endure in force and effect vntill the end of the next Parliament next ensuing. And as concerning the sayd Acte, touching politike constitutions made for the maintenance of the Maie, and the sayd Act made for the repairing of Douer Hauen, and the sayd Act made for repairing and amending the Bridges and Highways, neere vnto the Citie of Oxford, the same shalbe, and continue in force vntill the end of the next Parliament in such maner and forme, and with the same and like provisions, qualifications, & alterations, as by the sayd statute made in the xxxv. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, that now is, intituled, An Act for reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers Statutes, are qualified, altered, or dispensed with, and that the sayd Act made, for the auoiding of diuers forren wares made by handicrafts men beyond the Seas, shalbe reuiued, continued, and be, and remaine from henceforth in force, vnto the end of the next Parliament: And that the sayd Act, made for the continuance of making of caps, shalbe from henceforth repealed and made void, and that the said Act, intituled, An Act for maintenance and increase of tillage, for so much thereof as both concerne tillage shalbe repealed, and for so much of the same Act, as both concerne the maintenance, repairing, or continuance of any houses of husbandry, and the lands thereunto belonging, it shalbe continued and be in force, vnto the end of the next Parliament, if no other Act be made for the maintenance of houses of husbandry, and against the decay thereof, in this present Parliament: And that the sayd Acts, the one intituled, An Act for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent, the other intituled, An Act for setting of poore on worke, and for the auoiding of idlenesse, shall be reuiued, and stand and be continued and in force, vntill the end of the next Parliament: except for so much of the same two seuerall Statutes, and either of them as shalbe altered, repealed, or otherwise provided for, or made void by any Act of Parliament, made in this present Parliament. Provided, and be it further enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd Act made in the xxxv. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is, intituled, An Act for the necessary reliefe of Souldiers and Partners, for so much thereof, as shall not be altered, or otherwise provided for, by any other Act made in this present Session of Parliament, shalbe in force, and continue vnto the end of the next Parliament, any thing in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for amendment of high wayes in Suffex, Surrey and Kent. Chap. xix.

**W**hereas in one Act of Parliament made in the xxvii. yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene Maiestie that now is, in one act then made, intituled, An act for preservation of Timber, in the Wildes of the Countie of Suffex, Surrey and Kent, and for the amendment of high wayes decayed by carriage to and from Iron milles there, some remedie is provided for the impairing and spoiling of high wayes, by the carriage of Coales, Pine and Iron, to and from the Iron works within some part of the sayd Countie of Surrey and Kent, and provision for the amending of high wayes decayed in the Countie of Suffex, by the sayd meanes is left out, and also the sayd act hath not taken the same good effect for the amendment of high wayes within the sayd Countie of Surrey and Kent as hath bene expected:

Be it therefore enacted by our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that so much of the sayd Act of Parliament, made in the sayd xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, as shall concerne the amendment of high wayes, in the sayd Countie of Surrey and Kent, shall from henceforth be repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the occupiers of all maner of Iron works whatsoeuer, as owners or farmers of the same by any estate of inheritance for life, liues, or for terme of yeere or yeeres, or at will; which shall at any time hereafter carry or cause to be carried, any Coales, Pine, or Iron, to or for any their Iron works, betweene the xii. day of October, and the first day of May in any yeere, shall for euery three loads of Coale, or Pine, as also for euery tun of Iron, which shalbe carried by any maner of waine or cart, betweene the sayd xii. day of October, and the first day of May, by the space of one mile, throzow any high wayes within the sayd Wildes of Suffex, Surrey, Kent, or any of them, shall pay or cause to be payed vnto the Iustice of Peace dwelling neere vnto the places in the sayd Countie where the high wayes shall be most anaoyed, or his assignee, the summe of three shillings, the same to be leuied, after default of payment thereof, by such Iustice of Peace or assignee by way of distress

distresse, of any of the goods and chattels remaining in the sayd Countie, of such person as so should haue payed such summe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that every person and persons, occupier of Iron worke as aforesayd, which shall at any time hereafter carry, or cause to be carried any Coles, Pine or Iron, or for any their Iron worke betwene the first day of May, and the xii. day of October in any yere, for every thristie loads of Coles and Pine, or either of them, and for every ten tunnes of Iron, to be carried as aforesayd, one load of linder, grauell, stone or chalke, meet for the repairing and amending of the sayd high wayes as aforesayd, to be layed and imployed in such place and places of the high wayes, as any Justice of the peace of any the countiees aforesayd, dwelling nere unto the places where the high wayes within the limits aforesayd, shalbe most annoyed, by any of the meanes aforesayd, according to the greater and moze present necessitie, shall be appointed and assigned, or els pay or cause to be payed, for and in allowance of every cart load, in maner and forme aforesayd, to haue bene so carried and layed iii. s. within eight dayes after the demand thereof, at any such Iron worke made, to or from which Iron worke, any such carriage shall be, to the hand of the sayd Justice of peace or his assignes, the same to be leuied after default of payment vpon the demand thereof from time to time, by way of distresse: And if such Justice of peace by reason of absence, or other occasion, doe not or shall not within xl. dayes next after the sayd first day of May, peerely assigne and appoint, where and in what place of the high wayes, the sayd linder, grauell, stone or chalke to be carried as aforesayd, or where or how the money thereof due, or so payed, shall be imployed and bestowed, That then the same linder, grauell, stone or chalke shalbe layed and imployed by such person or persons, as by this Act are to carry and lay the same, or cause the same to be carried and layed, in such place and places of the high wayes, as the Surueyors within the parish for the time being, where the high wayes shalbe most annoyed as aforesayd, shal assigne or appoint, or in default thereof, pay to the sayd Surueyors for every such load due and vncarried iiii. s. in maner and forme aforesayd, vpon paine of forfeiture of x. s. for every load of linder, grauell, stone or chalke, not carried, layd & imployed in the high wayes, or iii. s. vnpayed, as aforesayd, to be forfeited and payd by the person and persons, which by this Act ought to carrie and lay, or cause to be carried and layed, the linder, grauell, stone or chalke, or therefore to haue payed as is aforesayd, after due conuiction and presentment thereof had before the Justices of Oier & terminer, or Justices of peace, in any of their open Session or Sessions, to be holden before them, or any of them: All which sum & summes of money to be forfeited, by reason of this Act, for, or in default of carriage and laying of the sayd linder, grauell, stone or chalke, or payment thereof as aforesayd, shalbe likewise bestowed & imployed vpon the amending and repairing of the high wayes, at, and by the discretion of any such Justice of peace, as shall dwell and be resident next unto the place and places, being most annoyed by the carriages aforesayd, the same to be leuied by way of distresse, by any Constable, Cithingman, Headborough, or other officer thereunto to bee assigned, by warrant made in open Sessions by any Clerke of the peace of the Countie, where any offence or offences aforesayd shalbe committed, or by any two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, which were present at the Sessions, wherein the sayd conuiction, of or for any the offences aforesayd shalbe had: And if no sufficient distresse can be found by the sayd officer appointed to leuy the same, or if the sayd offender doe not pay the same, within xx. dayes after a lawfull demand of the same, by the sayd officer to be appointed for the leuying thereof, as aforesayd, that then every person so denying or refusing, and not paying the same forfeiture, within xx. dayes aforesayd, to forfeit the double summe he should before haue payed, to be leuied by such wayes and meanes, as to any two of the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, where the sayd offence shalbe committed, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shalbe thought most meet, the same forfeiture to be likewise imployed, vpon the amending of the hie wayes, as the other forfeiture should haue bene, if the same had bene leuied, according to the true intent and meaning of this Statute.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Surueyor & Surueyors, from time to time for the time being, within the parish where the high wayes shalbe most annoyed, vpon default of the sayd Justices as aforesayd, within xx. dayes after such default of the Justice of peace, as aforesayd, shal assigne or appoint where and in what place of the high wayes, the sayd linder, grauell, stone or chalke, or the forfeiture of money to be bestowed, shal be carried and layd as aforesayd, and vpon paine of forfeiture of every such Surueyor or Surueyors, for every such default xl. s. And the sayd Surueyors shall make demand according to the limitation of this present Act, of all and every such forfeiture and summes of money limited to be payed in default of such carriages as aforesayd, vpon paine to forfeit for every such default xl. s. And shall also make presentment of every such default of carriage, or payment contrary to the tenor of this present Acte, at the next quarter Session to be holden for the sayd Countie, where such default of carriage & payment shall be, vpon paine to forfeit for every such default of presentment as aforesayd xl. s. The one moiety of all such forfeiture and forfeitures, to be to the Queenes Maiestie, the other moiety to such person or persons as will sue for the same, by Action, Bil, Plaint or Information in any of her Maiesties court of Record, where no wager of Law, essoine or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ An Acte against the deceitfull stretching and tainting of Northerne Cloth. Chap.xx.

**I**n most humble & dutifull wise sheweth, beseeching your Highnesse your true and faithfull Subjects, the Clothiers & Chaymen of your Countiees of Yorke, Lancaster, and other your Highnesse Countiees on the North side of



of the river of Trent, that notwithstanding the many good and wholesome lawes heretofore made for the true making of good and true Clothes and Kerlies, which lawes either by some want in the statutes already made, or for lacke of the due execution of the sayd lawes, have not onely not restrained the great abuse in making of Clothes and Kerlies, but rather have increased the same, inasmuch that the sayd Northern clothes and Kerlies, doe yettely and dayly grow moose and woole, and are made moze light, and much moze stretched and strained, then heretofore they have bene, to the great deceit of all nations where the sayd Clothes and Kerlies are solde, and to the great shame and slander of the Countrey where the same is made, and within the same time like utterly to overthrowe the trade of Cloth making in those countreys, whereupon so many thousands of your subiects do now live and are mainteyned, which great enormities your faithfull subiects do chiefly impute to the great number of Centers and other Ergins dayly used and practised in the sayd countreys for the stretching and streining of the sayd Clothes and Kerlies: For remedie and redresse whereof, your sayd subiects humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that it may please your Highnesse with the assent of the Loyds Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, it may be enacted, any statute or law to that former, to the contrarie notwithstanding, that no person or persons, within any the Counties aforesayd, from and after the xx. day of September next comming, shall stretch or streine, or cause to be stretched or streined, any Clothes, Dozens, Kerlies, Penistones, Rugges, Frises, Plaine grapes, or any other Clothes, by what name or names soever they be called, made, or hereafter to be made, within the sayd Countrey of Yorke, Lancaster, or any other the Counties on the North of Trent, upon paine to forfeit for every default, five pound.

And further, that no person or persons, from and after the sayd xx. day of September, within the Counties aforesayd, or any of them, shall have, use or occupie any Center, of what sort or kinde soever, or any maner of winch, rope, or other engines, to stretch or streine any Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Penistones, Rugges, Frises, Cottons, Kighly whites, Plaine grapes, or any other cloth, of what kinde or name soever it or they be called, made, wrought, or to be made or wrought within the sayd Counties, upon paine that every offender that shall have or use, or erect any such Center, of what sort or kinde soever, or any maner of rope, winch, ring head, or engine, shall forfeit for every such default twentie pound.

And further, that every person or persons within the Counties aforesayd, or any of them, which shall make, or cause to be made, any Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises, or any other cloth, by what name or names soever it or they be called, shall make the same of such weights, lengths and breadths, as by the statutes of this Realme already in force is provided, under the paines in the same statutes contained, and before the same be sold, or offered to be solde, shall set his scale of leade unto every of the same Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Plaine grapes, Penistones, Kighly whites, Frises, or by what name or names soever it or they be called: In which sayd scale of leade shall be contained the true and full length, and the true and full weight at the least, of every such Cloth, Kerlie, Dozen, Cotton, Penistone, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises, or by what name or names soever it or they shall be called, as it shall be duely found by due proove thereof to be tried by water or weight, upon paine to forfeit every Cloth, Dozen, Cotton, Kerlie, Penistone, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises, or other Cloth, by what name or names soever it or they be called, which shall be made within any of the Counties aforesayd, whereunto such scale as is aforesayd, shall not be put and set: And in case upon proove to be made by water or weight of any such Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises, or any other Cloth as is aforesayd, shall be found of lesse weight or of smaller content in length, then is contained or specified in any of their sayd Seales, that the owner of every such Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, and Frises, or any other Cloth by what name or names soever they be called, as aforesayd, or any other person or persons in whose hands or possessions, any such Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises, or any other Cloth by what name or names soever they be called, shall be found, shall forfeit for every yard wanting in length, foure shillings: and for every pound wanting in weight, two shillings.

And for the better and moze speedy and effectuall refozming of all such abuses as is aforesayd, be it further enacted, that in every parish, towne, village and hamlet within the Counties aforesayd, where any Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Plaine grapes, Kighly whites, Frises or any other cloth, by what name or names soever they be called, shall be made or solde, the Justices of Peace of the same Shire or Riding, or two of them at the least, and in every citie, borough or towne corporate, the head Officer or Officers of every of the same citie, borough or towne corporate, together with some one or two of the Justices of the peace of the Shire or Riding next adjoining to such citie, borough or towne corporate, shall have full power and authoritie, and shall by vertue of this Act, once every yere at the least, and as often as they shall thinke good, to conuent and call before them by their precept or otherwise, two, foure, sixe or eight, or moze as they shall thinke good by their discretion of the most honest, discreet and able men of every such citie, towne, village, hamlet or parish where any Cloth shall be made or solde, and them shall constitute, ordeine and appoint to be Overseers for one whole yere or six moneths, or shorter time at their discretions, then next following, within the citie, borough, towne, village, hamlet or parish where the same Overseers shall be dwelling, and shall and may take them swozne and bound in Recognizance of fourety pounds a peece to the use of your most excellent Maiestie and your successours, to doe their best endeour by all lawfull wayes and means.

meanes for their time, to see that this statute in all points shalbe truly obserued and kept within the limites of the charge in every part thereof, and that the same Duerseers, or two of them, shall once every moneth at the least, or so often as need shall require, or they shall thinke fit by their discretions by force hereof, visit and go into all, or any house or houses, shops or other roomes of any Clothiers, Drapers, Clothworkers, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, where any of the sayd Cloth shalbe, and there to make due search, and view the same made, or remanining to be solde, and to take search and trie, aswell by weight, water, or any other way whatsoever, the said Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites & Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they be called: And if any Clothes aforesayd, upon search thereof, shall not be found to be sealed with a Seale, containing the length and weight as aforesayd, then the Clothier and every Owner of the sayd Cloth, shall forfeit euery such Cloth, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made within the Counties aforesayd, not so sealed and solde, or offered to be solde, and the sayd Duerseers and euery of them, shall, and may seize and carrie away the same so forfeited as aforesayd, and present the same to the Justices of peace at the next quarter Sessions, to be by them disposed of, as hereafter is in these prefaces limited and appointed. And if the sayd Duerseers shall finde any false seale or marke to be set vpon any Cloth aforesayd, or shall vpon search as aforesayd, finde the same Clothes aforesayd, to be stretched or streined, then the same Duerseers shall present the same defaults vnto the Justices at the next quarter Sessions, and the names of the owners or posselors of such Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names they be called, so found defectiue: And if any maner of person or persons at any time after the sayd twentieth day of September, shall denie, withstand, or withholde any Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other Cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, from the sayd Duerseers, or any of them, or will not suffer them to enter into any of the houses, shops, roomes, or other places, where any such Clothes shall be, that then euery such person or persons so denying or withstanding, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose tenne pound, and for the second offence, twentie pound, and for the third offence, being thereof lawfully conuict by verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses shall stand vpon the pillorie in the next Market towne: and if any of the sayd persons so commaunded to appeare, to be made Duerseers as aforesayd, and hauing no reasonable excuse, refuse to come, and take vpon him or them to be Duerseers as aforesayd, that then euery such person so refusing, and hauing no reasonable excuse so to doe, shall forfeit for euery such refusing five pound, the one halfe thereof to be to your most excellent Maiestie, and your successors, and the other halfe to the Justices of the peace, or other head officer or officers, by whose commandement he was appointed to appeare to be Duerseer, and the same Duerseers so offending, to remaine in the ward of the Sherriffe, Bailiffe, or other head Officer, vntill such time as he hath made payment of the forfeiture, or otherwise put in sufficient bond for the satisfaction of the same. And to the end that the sayd Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other Clothes, by what name or names soeuer they be called, so to be viewed and searched, may be the better knownen: It is therefore enacted that the sayd Duerseers shall fixe vnto euery kinde of the Clothes aforesayd, a seale of leade containing the length and the weight of euery such Clothes (together with this word, Searched) which Cloth so sealed by the sayd Duerseers, shall not be searched, tried or viewed by any other Searcher or Duerseer, of any other Citie, Borough, Towne, Village, Parish or Hamlet, by vertue of his, or their sayd office or offices, any thing in this Act, or in any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, the sayd Clothiers and other inhabitants do humbly pray, that it may be likewise enacted, that if any person or persons, but such as are appointed, assigned and permitted by this Act, or by their seruants, or deputies, do at any time after the said twentieth day of September, counterfeit or set to, or willingly and wittingly take away from any the sayd Clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Cottons, Penistones, Kighley whites and Frises, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, made within the Counties aforesayd, any of the seales so to be fixed, as aboue is recited, that then euery person so offending, shall for the first offence forfeit and lose ten pound: and for the second offence being thereof lawfully conuict by the verdict of twelue men, and two sufficient witnesses, stand vpon the pillorie, and lose and forfeit to your most excellent Maiestie, your heires and successors, xx.li. And to the end that the sayd statutes and lawes aforesayd may be the more effectually executed, and all stretching and streining, & falsifying of any the Clothes aforesayd, taken away, It may be also enacted that euery Justice of the peace, head Constable, or other the Duerseers aforesayd, shall haue full power and lawfull authoritie to enter in, or vpon any the messuages, tenements, houses, buildings, lands, or grounds, of any person or persons whatsoever, to search for any such Centers, of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of ropes, rings, beads, winches, or other engins whatsoever, wherby any falshood or deceit may be used in or about the stretching & streining of any the said clothes, Kerlies, Dozens, Frises, Cottons, Penistones, Kighleyes, and Whites, or any other cloth, by what name or names soeuer they be called, or any of them: And if they should finde any such Centers of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of ropes, rings, beads, winches, or engines, they shall and may utterly deface the same, in such sort as they cannot be imploied againe to any such vse, And if any person or persons, with whom any such shall once haue bene found, shall after that be knownen to haue or vse any such Center of what sort or kinde soeuer, or any maner of rope, ring, bead, winch, or engine, that then they the sayd Justices, head Constables, or Duerseers, or any of them



them within the severall precincts, shall take and sell the same to the best value thereof, and by the consent of two Justices of peace within the same Countie, dispose the money thereof coming to the poore of that Parish where the same shall be so taken: and that upon complaint made, or information given of any such Center, of what sort or kinde soever, or any maner of rope, head, ring, wench or wizing, or any other engine, to any Justice of peace, everie one of them to whom such complaint shall be made, or information given, shall within seven dayes next ensuing such complaint or information given, repaire to the place where the same shall be so had and used, and then & there execute this law, as aforesaid, upon the paine hereafter in this present Act expressed: And that if any person or persons, shall withstand or resist any such Justice of peace or head officers, in or about, touching or concerning the execution of the premises, every such person or persons, shall forfeit and suffer, as is before limited, for resisting the Ductors in the search.

And if any the Justices or Justice of peace, within the limits or bounds of his or their commission shall be negligent or make default in doing of any thing touching or concerning the due or true execution of this statute, or any thing therein contained, every such Justice of peace, for everie such default, shall forfeit and lose v. li. And that all such forfeitures as shall happen or grow by reason of this Act, shall be one third part thereof to such person or persons as shall be then Ductors, one other third part to the use of our soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and one other third part to the use of the poore to be employed to the use of the poore, in such sort as the Justices of Peace in their quarter Sessions to be holden next after iudgement had or given for the same, shall limit and appoint.

And that the said Justices of peace in their quarter Sessions, shall and may enquire, heare and determine everie fault or offence, made or done contrarie to this present Act, or any thing therein contained, except the offences committed, and forfeitures made by the Justices of peace, by presentment, bill or information, and upon prooffe thereof made by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses openly given to the Iurie, and thereupon presentment made by the Iurie to give order for the execution of this statute, and everie clause therein contained, and for the recouerie of the penalties aforesaid, to the uses aforesaid.

And that the Justices of Assise, shall and may enquire, heare and determine everie fault or offence, made or done by any Justice of peace, contrarie to this present Act, in neglect of their ductie, in or about, touching or concerning the execution of this present Act, and upon prooffe thereof made by two sufficient witnesses, and by the presentment of the Iurie, shall and may give order for recouerie and imployment of the penalties and forfeitures by them committed and made to the uses aforesaid: and for default of iustice to be done, in maner and forme aforesaid, by the Justices of Peace or Justices of Assise, then the one moitie of all such forfeitures to be the one halfe thereof to her Maiestie, the other to him that will sue for the same by action of debt, bill, plaint, information, &c. in any of her Maiesties Court or Courts of Record at Westminster. In which no wager of law, protection or essoine, shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided neuerthelesse, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and every kinde of Clothes aforesaid, by what name soever they be called, which shall be made after the day aforesaid, within the Counties aforesaid, and brought up to the citie of London to be sold there, shall be brought into the common Cloth market place within the said citie, commonly called Blackwell hall, to be there searched by, without wetting, and out of Market times, by the searchers of the said citie, upon paine that everie owner of any such Cloth, shall forfeit for everie such Cloth not so brought into the Market, x. s. and upon paine that everie Searcher that shall search at any time in the market times, to the disturbance of the sale of such Clothes in the Market there, shall forfeit for everie such search so made, v. li. all which said forfeitures shall be, the one moitie to the use of our soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, the other to such person or persons, as shall sue for the same by action of debt, or information, in which sute no wager of law, protection or essoine shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ An Act for the further continuance and explanation of an Act for the necessarie reliefe of Souldiers and Mariners made in the xxxv. yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne that now is. Chap. xxj.

**W**here at the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the xix. day of February, in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of our most gracious soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and there continued untill the dissolution thereof, being the tenth of April in the same yere, an Act was made, intituled, An Act for the necessarie reliefe of Souldiers and Mariners: Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the aforesaid Act, and every article, clause and sentence therein contained, not altered by this Act, shall be continued and endure in force and effect untill the end of the next Parliament: And so far as much as the assessement & rate appointed by the said last Act, upon every severall Parish in every severall County, in regard the number of Souldiers in some County is greater then in some other, seemeth very small, and not sufficient to extend to every such poore Souldier a competent pension, but that he that hath bene appointed to a pension of xx. li. a yere, hath bene constrained to take v. li. and so ratably for lesser pensions:

Be it therefore declared, explained and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Justices of Peace, at their quarter Sessions, or the more part of them there being, in all Counties and places within this Realme, within their severall limits and divisions, where they shall thinke that

that the sayd former Acte hath not provided sufficiently, for the reliefe of the Souldiers and Pariners appointed to be relieved by the sayd former Acte, and not otherwise, to rate and take such further summes of money upon every parish, within their severall limits, for the better reliefe of those Souldiers and Pariners, as they shall thinke fit and convenient, so as no parish be rated above the summe of eight pence, nor vnder the summe of two pence weekly to be payed, and so as the weekly taxation of the parishes in any Countie, where there shall be aboute fiftie parishes, amount not above the rate of foure pence for euery parish in the same Countie, and that the same summes so to be rated, and euery of them, shall be assessed, collected, leuied, payed and distributed, by the persons, and in manner and forme as is provided and set forth by the sayd former Act. vnder such and the like paines and penalties as are appointed or set forth by the same former Act, and that all forfeitures to be forfeited by any Treasurer, Collector, Constable, Churchwarden or other person, for any cause mentioned in the sayd former Acte, or in this Acte, shall be employed together with the stocke to be remaining, in any of the sayd Treasurers hands, to the charitable uses expressed and appointed in and by the sayd former Statute, and to none other: And that the sayd reliefe shall be given to such Souldiers and Pariners out of the countie or place where they were pressed, so farre forth as the taxation limited by this Act will extend, and if the whole taxation there, be already employed according to the meaning of this Act, or that they be, or shall not be pressed men, then in the place where they were borne, or last inhabited by the space of threer yerres, at his or their election.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if the sayd rate shall be thought not to be sufficient for the reliefe of such Souldiers and Pariners as shall be to be relieved within the city of London, that then it shall be lawfull for the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of London, or the more part of them, to rate and take such reasonable rate, summe or summes of money for the sayd reliefe as shall be to them thought fit and convenient, so as such summe and summes of money so to be rated do not exceede two shillings weekly out of any parish, and so as in the totall, the same shall not exceede eight pence weekly out of euery parish one with another within the sayd Citie and the liberties thereof:

Be it further declared and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of peace of euery Countie within this Realme, within their severall limits, at their quarter Sessions, or the more part of them there assembled, shall from henceforth haue power and authoritie, verely to elect, nominate and appoint, of themselves or other sufficient men of the same Countie, valued by pere in the Subsidie booke at tenne pounds in lands, or fortie pounds in goods at the least, Treasurers of the sayd collection, which Treasurers so in euery Countie to be chosen, shall continue, doe, performe, and giue vp their charge, and account, in such sort, manner and forme, and for such time as is set forth by the sayd former Act, vnder such and the like paines and penalties, as are by the sayd former Act appointed in that behalfe:

Be it likewise explained and enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of peace in euery Countie of this Realme of England, within their severall limits at their quarter Sessions, or the more part of them, then there assembled, may upon any iust cause, reuoke, diminish, or alter any portion or portions of reliefe, assigned or granted to any such Souldier or Pariner, from time to time, according to their discretion, & where it is found by experience, that the pety Constables and Churchwardens of parishes be remisse and negligent in collecting of the summes of money taxed for the reliefe aforesayd, & in making payment thereof, and that the penaltie of ten shillings, expressed in the sayd former Act, extended not, but to the Churchwardens onely, and was too small a penalty to be inflicted for their default, therefore it is explained and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Churchwardens and Constables of euery parish, shall ioyn in the collection and payment ouer to the high Constables, as is set forth in the sayd former Acte, of the sayd summes to be taxed in their parish, and that the sayd Churchwardens and Constables ioynely and severally shall haue like authoritie and meanes, to leuie, collect and gather the summes to be taxed by this Act, as they or either of them had to leuie the summes appointed by the sayd former Act: And if any pety Constable or Churchwarden, his executors or administrators, shall faile to make payment in forme as is set forth by the sayd former Act, then euery pety Constable and Churchwarden, his executors or administrators so offending shall forfeit the summe of twentie shillings, to be leuied and employed, in forme as the penalties, in and by the sayd former Act expressed, are appointed to be leuied and employed,

¶ An Act for the establishing of the Bishopricke of Norwich, and the possessions of the same against a certaine pretended concealed title made thereunto. Chap. xxij.

Where in the xxvii. yere of the reigne of the late king of famous memorie, R. Henrie the eighth, it was enacted by authoritie of Parliament, that such person as should then next after be Bishop of the See of Norwich, being then void, and his successor Bishop of the sayd See, should haue and enioy united and knit to the said Bishopricke, the Monasterie of S. Benets, in the countie of Norfolk, & all the possessions of the same: and where William Rugge was next Bishop of the sayd See, and by force of the sayd Act was seised to him and his successors in fee simple, of, and in the sayd Monasterie, and the possessions of the same: And afterward William by the name of William by the permission of God Bishop of Norwich, true and vndoubted Patron of the Hospitall of Saint Giles in Norwich, and Nicholas Shaxton Pastour or Curian of the sayd Hospitall, and the brethren of the same by their deed, bearing date the sixt day of March, in the first yere of the late king Edward the sixt, and in due forme



of Law acknowledged and inrolled, did giue, grant and confirme to the sayd King Edward the first, his heires and successours the sayd Hospitall, and the possessions and hereditaments belonging to the same, as by the sayd deede and inrolment thereof may appeare: By force whereof the sayd King Edward the first was of the sayd Hospitall, and the possessions of the same, seised in his demesne as of fee in the right of his Crowne of England: and so seised, disposed of the same, as to his Highnesse did seeme good, ever since which sayd graunte, and since the sayd Statute made in the sayd xxvii. yere of King Henrie the eight, the sayd Bishop of Norwich and his successours haue had and enioyed the sayd Bishopricke, and the sayd late Monasterie of S. Benets, and all the possessions and hereditaments late belonging to the same Monasterie or Bishopricke, and haue and yet doe mainteine their estates, of and by the reuenues of the same, and thereout of haue ever since payed vnto King Edward the first, Queene Mary, and to the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and yet doe pay vnto her Maiestie first fruits, Tenths and Subsidies, as all other the Bishops of the Realme haue done, and haue demised, let and set diuers the possessions of the sayd Bishopricke, late the possessions of the sayd late Monasterie to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to sundry others for diuers estates, interests, and termes of yeres, which sayd interests are by many seueral conueyances passed from hand to hand to very many of her Maiesties dutiful subiects, whose whole liuelihood, or a great part thereof dependeth thereupon: yet certaine persons of a greedy and couetous desire to enrich themselves, haue to the great deceit of her Highnesse, to the impeachment of the sayd Bishopricke, & to the vniust disturbance of the Bishops of the same See, their tenants and farmers, obtained of her Maiestie (litle suspecting their euill intention) a grant in fee farme by her Letters Patents, bearing date the second day of August, in the xxvii. yere of her happie reigne, of all or the most part of the possessions of the said Bishopricke, vnder the name of a Cottage, and of all lands, tenements, tithes and hereditaments, with the appurtenances within the Deanries of Flegge, Brooke, Warham, Blofeld, Repe & Deepwade, or any of them in the county of Norfolk, to the late Monasterie of S. Benets of Pulme belonging and appertaining at or vnder the perely rent onely of xli. s. by yere, as by the said Letters patents may appeare, pretending now that the sayd possessions of the sayd Bishopricke, which were as aforesayd, first the possessions of the sayd Monasterie, were by the sayd William late Bishop of Norwich, by some generall wordes conueyed to K. Edward the first, his heires & successours by the aforesayd deed, dated the first day of March in the first yere of his reigne: whereas indeed he the sayd Bishop ioynd with the sayd Walter & brethren, as Patron of the sayd Hospitall onely, to strengthen the sayd grant of the sayd Hospitall, and the possessions thereof, and not intending any way to touch any the possessions of the sayd Bishopricke, Which sayd grant being so indirectly against the gracious meaning of our sayd soueraigne Lady, and without consideration other then as aforesayd obtained, they the sayd concealours haue conueyed the sayde premises, or some part thereof vnto others not ignorant of the sayde fraud and ill practise, who haue by colour of the sayd pretended title, attempted to trouble the possession of diuers the tenants & farmers of the sayd Bishopricke: For remedie whereof, and because it is most manifest, that neither the sayd William late Bishop by the sayd deed, made in the sayd first yere of the reigne of K. Edward the first, did meane to giue or grant, or the sayd K. Edward the first thereby to haue or take any part of the possessions aforesayd, of the sayd Bishopricke, neither yet her Maiestie tooke any knowledge of any such pretended title, neither meant to passe any such to the sayd concealours, and yet some trouble may arise by colour of the sayd pretended title:

Be it therefore enacted by our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayd deede dated the first day of March, in the sayd first yere of the reigne of the sayd K. Edward the first, shalbe taken, construed and adiudged, not to haue conueyed to the sayd King, his heires and successours any manors, lands, tenements, seruices, rents, rectories, tithes, aduowsons, liberties, or hereditaments whatsoeuer, of the sayd late Monasterie of S. Benets, alias S. Benets of Pulme, or of the sayd Bishopricke, or belonging thereunto, or to either of them: but that the same and euery part thereof shalbe deemed and adiudged to haue remained, continued and bene in the sayd William then Bishop of the sayd See, & his successours, and shal at all times for ever hereafter remaine, continue, and be, and so be adiudged to remaine, continue, and be in the now Bishop of the sayd See, and his successours for ever, of such and the like estate, and in such maner, forme and condition to all intents, constructions and purposes, as as if the sayd deed had neuer bene had ne made.

Provided, that this Act shal not extend to the sayd now, or late Hospitall, nor any lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, goods, chattels, rights, or credits, now or late belonging to the same, nor to the patronage thereof, nor to any thing whereof, or whereto the sayd late Walter or Gardian, & brethren of the sayd late Hospitall, were seised, possessed, or intituled, but that the sayd deed as to the same and euery part thereof shalbe good and effectuell in law to all intents and purposes, as if this Act had neuer bene had, nor made, (any thing aforesayd to the contrary notwithstanding) Sauing to all person and persons, bodies politicke and corporate, their heires and successours, executors, administratours and assignes, other then the sayd late King Edward the first, Queene Mary, the Queenes Maiestie that now is, their and euery their heires, successours and assignes, claiming any the sayd possessions of the sayd late Monasterie, or of the sayd Bishopricke by force, vertue or colour of the sayd deed, made to the sayd late K. Edward the first, all estates, interests, rights, titles, claimes, conditions, seruices, rents and demands whatsoeuer, as if this Act had neuer bene had or made.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all and singular Statutes, Recognizances, Bonds, Couenants, and

agreements, heretofore had or made, to or with the sayd Patentees in the sayd Letters Patents named, or any of them, or to or with any other person or persons claiming by, from, or under them or any of them, being parties or parties to the sayd practice or fraud, for or concerning any of the sayd lands, tenements, or hereditaments, now, or heretofore parcel of the sayd Bishopricke shall be utterly void, for any matter or thing touching or concerning onely the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any part thereof, now or heretofore parcel of the sayd Bishopricke.

¶ An Acte for the repairing of the Bridges of Newport and Carlion,  
in the Countie of Monmouth. Chap. xxij.

**I**n most humble wise beseecheth your most excellent Maiestie, the inhabitants of the greatest part of South-wales: That whereas a certeine great hydge of Timber called Newport hydge, is standing ouer the Riuer of Uke, in the Countie of Monmouth, and is, and of long time hath bene the meetest, and most necessary passage and high way, that leaueth into the parts of Southwales, and out of the same to London, Bristol, and other parts of England, and is of late fallen to great ruine & decay, and likely dayly (not repaired) to become not passable, whereby the sayd high way shall be from henceforth utterly taken away, to the great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Highnesse subiects, traauailing into those parts: And whereas also, there is one other great hydge of Timber, called Carlions hydge, standing ouer the sayd Riuer of Uke, in the foresayd Countie of Monmouth, and is a most necessary passage and high way, for all the inhabitants of the sayd Countie of Monmouth, and others her Maiesties subiects traauailing into those parts: which hydge hauing nothing to mainteine the same, is likewise of late fallen to great ruine and decay, and is likely dayly (not repaired) to fall, to y great hinderance and hurt of a great multitude of your Maiesties subiects traauailing into those parts: And whereas one Act of Parliament was made in the two and twentieth yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lord of famous memorie, king Henrie the eight, your Highnesse most renowned late father, intituled, An Act concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in high wayes, in which Acte among other things it is enacted, that if any part of any decayed Bridge happen to be within any limits of any Citie, or Towne corporate, and part without, and part within any Riding, and part within another, or if part be within one Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, and the other part thereof to be in another Shire, Riding, Citie, or Towne corporate, that then in euerie such case, the inhabitants of the Shires, Ridings, Cities, or Townes corporate, shall be charged and chargeable to amend, make, and repaire, such part and portion of such Bridges so decayed, as shall lie and be within the limits of the Shire, Riding, or Towne corporate, wherein they be inhabiting at the time of the sayde decayes, as by the sayde Act amongst other things more plainly doeth and may appeare: Yet neuerthelesse, for that at the time of the making of the foresayd statute, the foresayd Townes of Newport and Carlion, nor any of them, were not as then vniited and annexed to the sayd Countie of Monmouth, but sithence in the seuen and twentieth yeere of the sayd late king Henrie the eight, by force of one Act, intituled, An Act for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales, in like forme as it is in this Realme; and now by reason of certeine words contained in the sayd last Act, as also by reason of the great pouertrie of the inhabitants of the sayd Townes of Newport and Carlion, diuers questions, ambiguities, and doubts haue risen, and doe dayly arise and growe, how and by what meanes the foresayd Bridges shall be repaired, amended, or new made, & for that no person or persons certeine, or body politike is, or are chargeable for the repairing of the same Bridges, or either of them: For declaration and explanation whereof, and for remedy in the premisses to be had,

That it may be enacted by your Highnesse, and by the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons assembled in this present Parliament, and by the authoritie of the same, That the inhabitants in the Shire, and Countie of Monmouth, shall stand for euermore chargeable for the maintenance, repairing, amending, and new making of the foresayd Bridges of Newport and Carlion, and either of them, when and as often as need shall require: And that for the assessment, rating, collection, gathering, and imploying of the moneys thereupon to be spent, such order and direction shall and may be obserued and kept, as is appointed by the foresayd Act, made in the two and twentieth yeere of the sayd king Henrie the eight, for repairing of Bridges in high wayes, and for the more speedy performance of the premisses, and preventing of further losse and charges.

That it may likewise be enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if the Iustices of peace of the foresayd Shire, and Countie of Monmouth, or any of them, do make any default in the not appointing, executing, and obseruing the like order for the repairing of the said two bridges of Newport and Carlion, as by the said Act in the two & twentieth yeere of king Henrie the eight, and by this statute is limited, expressed and declared, for the assessment, collection, and imployment of the moneys so to be collected, according to the meaning of the sayd Acts, by the space of three moneths next after this present Session of Parliament: That then they and euery of them, being resident and inhabiting within the sayd Shire of Monmouth, shall forfeit for such default the summe of ten pounds a peece, to be recovered before the Queenes Maiesties Council, in the Marches of Wales by information, to be employed to and for the use and reparation of the foresayd Bridges of Newport and Carlion.

Provided alwayes, that this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to giue power or authoritie to the Iustices of peace of the sayd Countie, to charge any Town or Townes corporate within the said Countie, that are alreadye



already by Law bound to amend, repaire, or reedifie any byldges ouer any maine riuers or streames within the said Countie, with any contribution towards the amending, repairing, or reedifying of the byldges in this Act mentio- ned, other then the townes of Newport and Carlion, Any matter of thing in this said Act mentioed, or in the said Act had and made in the first yere of King Henry the eight, in this present Act mentioed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An Act for the erecting and building of a bridge over the Riuer of Wie at Wilton vpon  
Wie, neere the towne of Rolfe in the Countie of Hereford, Chap. xxiiij.

**W**hereas the Queenes Maiesties towne or borough of Rolfe in the Countie of Hereford is an ancient and great Packet towne, as well of all kinde of cattell as of coyne, and many other commodities, hauing in it yerelely foure very great faires there holden, and is also a very great thoroughfare, passage or portway from a great part of the said Countie of Hereford, and of the countie of Monmouth, Brecon, Carmarthen, Pembroke, and most part of all Southwales, to the cite of London; and other parts of England: And whereas the common great port- way leading from the parts aforesaid, towards the said towne, leaueth through the riuer of Wie, at Wilton vpon Wie, in the said countie of Hereford, neere the saide towne of Rolfe, which riuer the most part of the Winter time, and at all other times of land flood is very furious and dangerous, and with a small raine doeth suddenly swell and rise by: At which times, although a boate, and sometimes two boates, of good burthen, are there bled and imployed, to passe men, hoxes and cattel ouer the same riuer: Yet the multitude of her Maiesties louing subiects, occasioned to passe that way from time to time is so great as that the same boates haue not sufficed, neither will suffice to passe, carry or transport, her Maiesties saide subiects, their hoxes, cattell and other cariages there, ouer the same riuer in conuenient time, whereby many great inconueniences and mischiefes haue happened, and do daily happen to sundry her Maiesties saide subiects at the said passage, as namely the passage boate there hath bene often so much ouerchur- ged with multitude of people, that the same hath sunke with the saide people in the riuer, where, thirtie or fourtie of her Maiesties subiects not long since haue bene drowned, and utterly perished at once, many others of them haue escaped by swimming, but very hardly with their liues; and at other times the armes and legges of diuers others her Maiesties saide subiects haue bene broken, and men, women, and childzen with the presse of people to get into the said boate, bene daily troden downe into the said riuer, and many times troden vnder the feete of men and hoxes, and also cattel & hoxes often haue bene there drowned and spoiled, to the great losse, terror, and imminent peril of such as haue occasion to passe that way, and to the great hinderance and impouerishing of the said towne, and of the coun- trey thereabouts adioynning thereto: And soasmuch as the like mischiefes, misfortunes and dangers would bee hereafter prevented, if a conuenient bridge were there, at Wilton aforesaid, made, erected and builded ouer the same Riuer, and for that the most part of the inhabitants of the saide countie of Hereford, with such assistance as they can procure from other Countreys, for the auoyding of the mischiefes, dangers and inconueniences aforesaid, are very willing to take vpon them the erecting and building thereof, which is a very charitable and good worke,

Be it therefore enacted & established by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that a conuenient bridge of stone or timber, or both shalbe made, set vp, erected and builded at Wilton aforesaid, ouer the said Riuer of Wie, by the inhabitants of the said Countie of Hereford, in such place there, as by the Iustices of Peace of the said coun- tie of Hereford, or by any three of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to be nominated by the Iustices of peace of the said Countie, or the more part of them in their general quarter sessions, after the end of this session of Parlia- ment to be holden, shalbe appointed: And to the intent that ouerlong delay may not be vsed in setting forthwards and effecting of so necessary and so charitable a worke, and also that competent summes of money may bee collected and leuied for the defraying of the charges thereof: And also that the inhabitants of the saide countie of Hereford may haue all conuenient assistance in that behalfe: Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the same bridge shalbe wholly made, erected, builded and finished within the space of seven yeres next after the ende, dissolution or pro- rogation of this present Parliament, vpon paine of forfeiture of one hundred pounds, for euery yere after the ende of the said seven yeres, that the said worke or bridge shal happen to be vnfinished, and vnperformed: The one moiety whereof to be paid to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors by the inhabitants of the said countie of Here- ford, & the other moiety thereof to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Record, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of Law shalbe admit- ted or allowed: And for the speedy leuying of all such summes of money as shall be necessary or requisite in this be- halfe: Be it hereby likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Iustices of peace of the said countie of Hereford, or any foure, thre, or two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, out of the liberties of the cite of Here- ford, in their seuerall diuisions to be nominated or agreed on by the Iustices of Peace of the said countie, or the more part of them, in their general quarter sessions, shall hereby haue full power and authoritie at all times hereafter and from time to time as often as need shall require, untill the saide bridge shalbe fully made, erected and builded, to rate, rate and assesse the said countie of Hereford, with the seuerall Hundreds, and euery towne corporate, Parish, village, and hamlet, within the same (other then the said cite of Hereford) and euery inhabitant and dweller within

every or any of the sayd Hundreds, Townes corporate, Villages and Hamlets (other then the sayd Citie) to such reasonable summe and summes of money, as to them the sayd Iustices so nominated as aforesayd, shalbe thought fit and convenient, and that the Iustices of peace of the sayd Countie of Hereford, or the moze part of them, at their quarter Sessions shall at all and every time and times hereafter haue full power and authoritie by this present act, to nominate & appoint such person and persons as they shall thinke fit, to collect & gather the sayd severall summes, & that such person & persons as the sayd Iustices so shal appoint for the gathering & leuying thereof, shal haue hereby full power and authoritie by way of distresse, vpon deniall, refusall, or non payment, to leuie the same, and to make sale of such distresses, according to the statute, intituled, An Act concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in high wayes, made at the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the sixteenth day of Januarie, in the two and twentieth yere of the reigne of our late dread soueraigne Lord K. Henrie the eighth, and the same money so to be leuied, to be deliuered ouer, and payed to the sayd Iustices of peace, or to any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, the same two Iustices to be nominated by the Iustices of peace of the sayd Countie, in their generall quarter Sessions, or to such person or persons, as the said two Iustices so nominated shall appoint, who shal imploy the same with as much speed as may be for the purpose aforesayde: And if any person or persons within the sayde countie of Hereford, who shalbe taxed or rated to pay any summe or summes of money in forme aforesayd, do refuse the payment thereof, or otherwise withstand their distresses, or if any other that shalbe charged to take, rate, gather, leuie, or pay ouer any the moneys aforesayd, shall refuse, withstand, denie or impugne, to accomplish the order or commandement of the sayd Iustices of the said countie of Hereford, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, in that behalf, then euery such person and persons shall be imprisoned without baile or mainprise, by the discretion of the sayd Iustices or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, vntill such time as they and euery of them so offending, shall be conformable to performe and abide the order of the sayd Iustices, or any two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, for their sayd offences.

And mozeouer, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if the said Iustices, or any one of them, within their severall limits, hauing receiued any summe or summes of money aforesayd, towards the erecting and making of the sayd Bridge, do deteine the same or any part thereof in his or their hands, or do not imploy the same with all conuenient speed as aforesayd, but shall vse it to his or their owne priuate profits, commodities, or behoofes, to the hindrance of the sayd worke, that then euery such Iustice of peace so offending, for euery such default, shall forfeit & lose the summe of one hundred pounds, one moitie whereof shalbe imployd toward the building and repairing of the said Bridge, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Record, by action of debt, bill plaint, or information, wherein no elloine, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed. And for the better assistance of the sayd inhabitants of the said countie of Hereford, to defray the charges of the sayd worke:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for all and euery such person and persons of the said countie of Hereford, as by the sayd Iustices of the sayd countie, or the moze part of them in their generall quarter Sessions, shalbe nominated or appointed, to aske, receiue & take, of any of the Queenes Maiesties Subjects within the principalltie of Wales, and the Marches of the same, all such summe and summes of money as they or any of them without compulsion, will willingly giue towards the building and erecting of the said Bridge, the same summe and summes of money to be payed ouer by the said person or persons so by the said Iustices to be appointed as aforesaid, and to be imployed as aforesaid, towards the said worke, vpon such paines and penalties, as before hereby is limited: And whereas Charles Bridges Esquire is owner of the Lordship or Manor of Milton aforesaid, and by reason thereof (although at all times, when the said riuer riseth not with landflood, all men may and do freely passe thow the said riuer, being an high or port way, at their wils and pleasures, yet he the said Charles hath an perely rent of such persons as by his demise do keepe the boats vpon the said passage, and also is owner of the Soile, where the fittest place to fasten, make and erect the same bridge, is thought to be) which yerely rent or profit, now the said Charles Bridges shall lose, by reason of the said bridge: And forasmuch as the erecting & building of the same bridge, shall or may stand to small purpose, if provision for repairing and maintaining thereof from time to time, and as often as need shall require, be not had and duely considered of:

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that from & after the time of the making & finishing of the said bridge, from time to time, and at all times for euer then after, pontage shalbe payed, leuied & taken, at the said bridge in maner and forme following, and not otherwise, viz. euery person or persons that shall vniue any waine, carre, or cart laden ouer the said bridge, shall pay for euerie such waine, carre, or cart so by him or them to be vniuen ouer the same bridge, two pence, and euery one that shall lead or vniue any horse or horses laden with any packe, or any sheep or other beasts of what kinde soeuer, ouer the said bridge, shal pay for euerie such horse and packe, one pence, and for euerie ten sheepe or vntowards to the number of twentie, two pence, and for twentie sheepe, three pence, and for euery five beasts of all other kind, to the number of twentie, two pence, & for euerie twentie beasts, five pence, & so proportionably for all horses & packs, waines, carres, carts laden, sheepe & other cattell according to the same rate, which pontage shallbe collected and gathered peere as followeth, viz. That two such sufficient burgesses, of the said Towne of Ross, with two such sufficient Freeholders of the said Countie of Hereford, as shall be yerely electen and nominated by the Iustices of Peace of the said Countie of Hereford, or the moze part of them, and by the

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Steward of the said towne of Rolfe for the time being, or his deputie, at the general sessions of the peate, to be yearly holden for the said countie of Hereford, next after the feast of S. Michael the Archangel, to bee collectors of the same Pontage, and the deputie, and deputies of the same two burgesses, and two freeholders as aforesaid, and every one or more of them, shall have full power & authoritie hereby from the time of the same election, for one whole yeere then next following, & so until two other burgesses, & two other freeholders shall be elected and chosen to the same office of collectors in forme aforesaid, to collect, gather, & receive the said pontage at the saide bridge, after the rate aforesaid. And if any shall deny, refuse or impugne the payment thereof, then that it shall and may be lawful to & for the said collectors, and to & for every or any of them, and the deputy and deputies of them, & of every of them for the time being, to take such oxen, horses, sheepe & other cattel, or as much of them as they shall thinke fit, as any person or persons so denying, refusing, or impugning to pay, shall owe or leade, or offer to owe or lead over the said bridge, into the custody of them the said collectors, or their deputies, as aforesaid, and the same to deteine & keepe as a distresse in common pound, until the same pontage after the rate aforesaid, shall be fully satisfied and paid. And that they the said collectors so as aforesaid, to be yearly elected & chosen, shall out of the issues & profits of the same pontage, pay yearly to the said Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, the summe of ten pounds of lawfull money of England, at the feast of S. Michael the Archangel for ever, which said summe of ten pounds, he the said Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes, shall and may sue for, have and recover against the said collectors for their time, or the survivors or survivors of them, if any of them happen to die, or against his heires, executors or administrators of them, or of any of them, in any of her Majesties courts of record, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no excoise, protection, or wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed. And moreover, they the said collectors & their deputies, shall yearly from time to time for ever hereafter, at such time or times, as they or any of them shall be thereunto required, at or after the end of one yeere next after their said election, by the said Justices of Peace, and by the steward of the saide towne or borough of Rolfe for the time being, or his deputie, or by any two of them, whereof one of the said Justices to be one, as aforesaid, before the said Justices, or before one or more of them, to be nominated by the Justices of the said county in their quarter sessions, and before the steward or his deputie, make and yeeld by a true and perfect account upon their othes, of all the issues & profits of the Pontage of the said bridge, for the time of the saide accomptants: upon which accompt the said summe of ten pounds to be yearly paid to the said Charles Bridges, his heires and assignes shall be allowed to the said accomptants. And all such summe and summes of money as the said accomptants shall disburse, in or about the reparations of the said bridge, and the lawseis thereunto adioyning, or in or about the reparations of any other bridges or lawseis in the said county of Hereford, by warrant from the saide Justices, at their quarter sessions, or in or about any of them, and reasonable allowance to the same accomptants for them and their deputies for their travayles and paines, in collection of the same pontage, and xx. shillings yearly to be paid to the steward of the said towne or borough, or his deputy for the time being, for his paines in bearing and determining of the same accompt, shall be to them allowed upon their said accompt. And further upon the determination of every such accompt, the said accomptants shall pay over all such summe & summes of money, as shall be thereupon found to remaine in the hands of the said accomptants of the same their collection, to the new collectors for the time being, to remaine in their hands as a stocke, towards the reparation of the said bridge and lawsey, and of any other bridge or lawsey in the said countie of Hereford. to be disbursed and imployed according to the order of the said Justices, in their quarter sessions. And if any person or persons which shall be elected by the said Justices and steward, or his deputie, to be collector or collectors as aforesaid, refuse to take upon him or them the same office, or being collector or collectors, shall misbehave him or themselves in the said office, or being called to accompt as aforesaid, shall refuse to yeeld the same, or accompting as aforesaid, shall misbehave him or themselves in the same accompt, or shall refuse to pay, or not pay all such summe and summes of money, upon the determination of the same accompt, as shall fall out upon the same accompt, to remaine in the custody of the said accomptants, upon every such accompt as aforesaid:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that then and so often it shall be lawfull hereby to the saide Justices of Peace of the saide countie in their quarter sessions, or the most part of them, to imprison every such collector or collectors, and their deputies, and every or any of them, so refusing, misbehaving themselves, not accompting, or not paying, without baile or mainprise, until he or they so offending, shall performe the order of the said Justices. And also that every such collector and collectors, and their deputies, and every of them so offending, shall forfeit and lose for every such contempt & offence, the summe of five pounds of lawfull money of England, to be imployed to the use of the said bridge, to be built as aforesaid, and to be levied by the other collectors succeeding, by distresse and sale thereof, if the said summe of v. pounds be not paid within foure dayes next after the taking of the said distresse.

Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all & every person and persons, owners or occupiers of any lands or tenements in the said countie of Hereford, which do yearly pay any cozne, graine or other profit in certaintie, in respect of the same lands or tenements to the keeper of the said passage, for their passage over the same river, and their heires and assignes of the same landes and tenements, shall be free and discharged of payment of the pontage aforesaid: So always as they, and every of them, shall yearly pay to the said collectors for the time being, to be accompted for, and imployed as aforesaid, such and so much cozne and graine, and other profits as usually have bene paid to the keepers of the said passage, by the occupiers of the said lands and tenements, in respect of the same lands or tenements. For which cozne and graine, and other profits so yearly to be paid or received by the

the said Collectors, the said Collectors, and euery of them for their time, shall duely account, as aforesaid, in forme aforesaid, vpon the paines and penalties aforesaid.

¶ An Acte for the enlarging of the statute made for following Huy and Cry in the xxvij. yere of your Maiesties reigne, in some sort to relieue the Inhabitants of the small Hundred of Beinerth, alias Benherst, in cases where they are in no voluntary default, and yet are or shalbe charged by the same statute, and by the two ancient statutes, the one made the xiiij. yere of K. Edward the first, the other in the xxvij. yere of K. Edward the third, for repelling of Robberies. Chap. xxv.

**I**n most humble wise beseecheth your most excellent Maiestie, the poore Inhabitants of the Hundred of Beinerth, alias Benherst, within the Countie of Berk. That whereas the said Hundred doeth consist onely of five small Villages, and three small Quillers or Hamlets, and hath lying thorow it two great road high wayes, the one leading from London to Wenley vpon Thames, the other from London to Reading, and either of them at the least three miles in length, within the great wooddie ground called the Thicket, and no one of the same Villages standeth vpon or adioyning to either of the same wayes, but lie dispercedly farre from the same, neither haue the Inhabitants of the same Hundred any open or common fields, either arable or other, adioyning or lying nere to such parts of the same wayes (within the said Thicket) as are most apt for robberies to be done, whereby they may haue their seruants or workemen labouring within the view of the same wayes, to take notice of the robberies done, & therefore the said Inhabitants cannot well haue any speedie notice or intelligence of any robbery which shall be there committed, vntill the partie or parties robbed, should giue the same vnto them, and the seuerall lengths and maner of the lying of the same wayes, are such, as all the able men of the same small Hundred, cannot so watch the same seuerall wayes, as that thereby robberies may be prevented, and whereas also, notice of such robberies, as haue bene of late yeres done there, hath bene (for the most part) giuen by the partie robbed, at the Towne of Paydenhead, which is out of that Hundred, and three miles distant from the aforesaid therewith places in the Thicket, where the robberies are most vsually done, and yet vpon such notice of robberies giuen at Paydenhead aforesaid, (being out of the Hundred) there hath bene lately (within one yere) the summe of twelue score and fiftene pound recovered vpon the aforesaid statutes against the same small Hundred of Beinerth alias Benherst, which had no notice of the same robberies, whereby many of the poore Inhabitants thereof, haue bene, and are utterly impouerished, to the better ruine and ouerthrow of them, their wives and children, and many other thelike extremities may (by the aforesaid statutes) fall vpon them, though it lieth not in their power (as wel for want of notice as otherwise) to performe the same statutes, so as the Inhabitants thereof are like to be generally impouerished, or enforced to remoue their dwellings into some other Hundred, without some reliefe shall be for them in that behalfe provided, that it may be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Inhabitants of the said Hundred of Beinerth alias Benherst, shall and may to their owne proper vse in the name of the Clerke of the peace of the said countie of Berk. recover, haue, and leuie all such summes of money, costs and dammages, as hereafter shalbe recovered or leuied, of or against them, by the aforesaid statutes or any of them, against the Inhabitants or resiants of euery or any such Hundred, with the franchises within the precincts thereof, wherein negligence, fault or defect of such pursute and fresh sute (as by the said statute of the xxvij. yere of your Maiesties reigne is appointed to be made) shall happen to be, after notice giuen, or Huy and Cry brought to the same Inhabitants or resiants or any of them, of or vpon anie robbery, which shall be at any time hereafter done, within the said Hundred of Beinerth alias Benherst, and that this present Acte shall giue as full power and authoritie in all respects, to the Inhabitants of the said Hundred of Beinerth alias Benherst, (in the name of the Clerke of the peace of the said countie) for recouerie, hauing, and leuying of all the said money, costs and dammages, as aforesaid, as the aforesaid statute of the xxvij. yere of your Maiesties reigne, gaue or intended to giue for the recouerie of a moitie, or one halfe thereof.

¶ Provided alwayes, and it is enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no such remedie or recouerie shalbe had, by this statute, for all, or the whole summe or summes of money, and dammages as aforesaid, but onely in these two cases, viz. The one, where no such notice or intelligence (as by the said statute of the xxvij. yere of your Maiesties reigne was appointed, to be giuen of euery or any robbery) shalbe giuen to the Inhabitants of the said Hundred of Beinerth alias Benherst, The other, where the Inhabitants of the same Hundred (after such notice of any robbery to them, or some of them giuen, or after Huy and Cry for the same to them brought) shall make, or cause to be made fresh sute, and pursute, after the offenders, with horsemen & footmen, according to the said statute of the xxvij. yere of your Maiesties reigne, and where neuerthelesse the offenders, or any, or one of them, shall not be apprehended within forty dayes after the robbery committed.

God saue the Queene.



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